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Preface

The evolution of human society from agrarian to information society is the story of men and women struggling to make their life more secure and better. This struggle to bring about changes shall never end, so also the occurrence of new revolutions. It is important, therefore, that the activities of such persons as have contributed to such revolutions, are recorded systematically and faithfully so that the coming generations learn from their experiences and draw due benefit for the good of society. The effort shall have to be global, each nation cooperating and contributing its share.

Of all the resources of a nation, human resource is the most important. To learn about the leaders, the persons who make news and those who are in news, will tell about a country as the history itself. Since men and matters are inseparable, people are also interested to have the background information on the social milieu, the social motives, and the social pressures on the individuals who created news or were in news.

The **Indians in News**, which is intended to be an annual publication, is a source of information on those men and women of India who created news or were in news for certain reasons during the year. It also includes those who are of Indian origin but are living and operating in foreign lands and were in news.

A biographical dictionary is an important source of information. It tells about the important persons whose contributions to the society—positive or negative—have been significant. Since persons are connected with matters everybody uses a biographical dictionary, to know about men and matters. A conventional biographical dictionary, however, suffers on two counts. One is that it is always out of date; the information that was correct at the time of its compilation, in many cases, has changed and is no more accurate now. Second is that a good number of persons included in it are no more relevant as they have now ceased to be active to create news, or to be in the news. There has always been a need of some current biographical tool.

A majority of seekers of information are interested only in those who are active and kicking—the persons who are the cause of happenings and are participating in matters that are significant. But the society is dynamic and things are changing fast. Men and matters do share this phenomenon. Persons who were unknown yesterday have come to limelight today. Some create history, others cause controversies, win honours, commit frauds, get accused, change places, get promoted, serve the society, kill or get killed or simply pass away. These or many other things are happening to one or another person at this or that moment. Information seekers wants to know the latest. The **Indians in News** serves this purpose because it is a biographical dictionary of those Indians who are currently in the news, and are relevant to the present times.

The Indians in News includes persons reported or discussed in such newspapers or journals as the *Tribune*, *Times of India*, *Indian Express*, *Hindustan Times*, *India Today*, *Outlook*, *The Week*, *Competition Success Review*, etc. Alongwith the write-ups proper references have been given to connect the information about the person with its original source and also to guide the users to it, if they so wish. In a way this work may very well serve as an annotated index to the above newspapers and journals, and promote their use further.

Though every matter is connected with one or another person, only such persons have been selected for inclusion in this work, whose role was significant and not of a routine nature. Another consideration was that the news with which an individual is connected should be of a lasting value.

The Indians in News, 2002 consists of two parts. Part I consists of records of persons in news, arranged systematically in an alphabetical order by their surnames. The persons who do not use their surnames are entered under their personal names. Under the name of the person is given the summary of the events because of which the person was in news. A brief biographical note is also added where warranted. The source of information is given so that the newspaper or journal reporting the news is easily accessed by the researchers. To keep up the authenticity of the information even the text of the original, in some cases, has been retained. This has been done to benefit the researchers in such subjects as history and political science. The following examples taken from Parts I and II of this work shall make the presentation more clear:

Sivaji Ganesan died on July 21, and therefore was in news. His record in Part I is as under:

Ganesan, Sivaji

Sivaji Ganesan, 74, a Dada Saheb Phalke awardee died at the Apollo Hospital in Chennai on July 21, 2001 due to heart ailment. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and two daughters. [Sivaji Ganesan dead. *Tribune*. July 22, 2001: 22] ...

The above news about the death of Sivaji Ganesan, a famous South Indian Actor, on July 21 was reported in the *Tribune* of July 22. Alongwith the news of Sivaji Ganesan in this work, the reference of the source also appears in the end of the write-up. This very news as reported by the *Competition Success Review* and the *India Today* has also been given alongwith the references of the sources, following the above write-up. Some duplication of information notwithstanding, variations of views by different journals tell more about a person.

Part II consists of three indexes—General Index, Chronological Index, and Broad Subject Index. These indexes have been added to facilitate the use of Part I and access the desired person in news discussed or described there.

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General Index lists the persons, places, organisations, and concepts appearing in Part I in an alphabetical sequence. It also shows the page number where these have been discussed. Sivaji Ganesan has been entered both as Ganesan, Sivaji and Sivaji Ganesan. He is discussed on page 65 in Part I. Chronological Index indicates the date on which the event occurred. In the example cited above July 21 reveals "Ganesan, Sivaji. Passed away." In Broad Subject Index, under heading Died and sub-heading July, it shows, "21 Ganesan, Sivaji in Chennai." The name of the person connects the entries in the Indexes with his record in Part I.

Information whether empirical data or knowledge is a vital national resource, necessary for the well-being and security of a nation, as also for international relations. Information as such is the strength of a nation. Its growth and usage need proper care and coordination so that it is not wasted but properly utilized. An important purpose which this publication will serve is to promote the use of information about persons in action, the organisations they run, progress they make, failure they face, and the overall impact of such activities on the society. Such facts and information as is given in this work, shall be a necessary input in writing history and in propounding political and economic theories in the days to come.

In a work like this there can be some omissions and inconsistencies. For instance the date of occurrence of an event and its reporting do differ and also the rendering of Indian names into English. We shall be grateful to our readers if they point these out. Any suggestion towards the improvement of this work shall be gratefully acknowledged.

This publication is a valuable **Biographical Source Book** and as such indispensable for every library. It will update the existing sources of biographical information available in the libraries. Students and researchers of Political Science, Public Administration and History will find this work very useful reference tool for their present and future use. It shall also be consulted extensively by those preparing for various competitions. Because of the nature of its contents, this tool shall be used by everybody—intellectuals and common people.

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The persons in news included in the **Indians in News 2002** are those who were reported in the following Indian newspapers and journals, alongwith the events and incidents with which they were connected to be in news, during 2001.

1. The Tribune
2. The Times of India
3. The Indian Express
4. The Hindustan Times
5. India Today
6. Competition Success Review
7. The Outlook
8. The Week

We acknowledge with a deep sense of gratitude the help we have drawn from the above newspapers and journals. Proper bibliographical references have been added to acknowledge this help and to connect the description of the person in this work with the source where it has been taken from so that the readers of this work may go to the original source to have the complete information or to check the facts for themselves.

In a way this work may serve as an annotated index to the biographical contents of these sources and may motivate many users to be the regualar readers of the newspapers and journals referred to above.

The papers and journals are valuable source material for the scholars and researchers of social sciences, particularly those of Sociology, Political Science and History. For their benefit the original text has been retained in some cases so that they may use or quote the same in their research work, with a reference to the original source. Since the raw information on which the contents of this work are based has been drawn from the above sources, the compilers once again place on record the sense of gratitude they owe to the Managements and Editors of the above Newspapers and Journals.

In a work like the present one, many people contribute to complete the task. There are a number of them whose assistance and support demand ecognition. Important among them are those journalists who covered the events, sought facts from the persons themselves, or located and retrieved the relevant information from the record in their archives about them and presented it to the public through the newspapers they were working for. Without their sustained efforts such publications as the present one would not have been possible. We are grateful to them. There are many others like them and we may not be in a position to name them individually, we nevertheless thank them.

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A

Aamir Khan

Aamir Khan's *Lagaan* is a superbly crafted story of human triumph, it turned theatres into stadiums and shook up an industry stagnating with the decade-old-feel-good family formula. The applause for *Lagaan* was not restricted to the boundaries of India. The jury and audiences at film festivals across the globe lauded the venture, thereby proving that with good story, geographical and lingual borders prove porous. The final gratification came when the film was nominated as India's official entry for the U.S. Academy Awards in the best foreign film category. For Khan, this year had another benchmark, *Dil Chahta Hai*, the offbeat movie about three friends and their romances not only set ablaze a new hairstyle, it pleased both the critics and the distributors. While *Lagaan* will ensure Khan's place in the history of Indian cinema, *Dil Chahta Hai* helped touch new heights of emoting excellence. [Even with odds. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 84]

Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr.)

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Father of India's indigenous missile development programme and Principal Scientific Advisor to the Govt., demits office. He has resigned in an apparent bid to pursue further academic interests and helping scientists across the country in developing their research capabilities. Dr. Kalam is likely to join the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore as a professor emeritus. [*Tribune*. November 11, 2001: 8]

Abdul Latheef, M.

M. Abdul Latheef, 65, MLA and General Secretary of the Indian National League (INL) passed away at the Government Hospital at Chennai following a heart attack. He was elected to the Tamil Nadu

Assembly from Vaniyambadi in May 10, 2001 elections. He was an MLA for four terms. [INL leader Abdul Latheef dead. *Tribune.* December 18, 2001: 7]

Abdul Rashid, Mirza

Rajya Sabha M.P. Mirza Abdul Rashid hails from the sensitive Poonch-Rajouri area of Kashmir. Born in Darhal town of Rajouri district, Mirza Rashid's political career started when at 27 he was appointed general secretary of the youth wing of the Congress in 1963. He remained in the Congress for 33 years as a committed activist but had to leave due to differences with the party leadership. He joined Dr. Farooq Abdullah's National Conference in 1996. After the resignation of Dr. Karan Singh as Chairman of the State Autonomy Committee, Mirza was nominated as a member of the Committee in 1996. And, in April 2000, he was elected to the Rajya Sabha.

As a Congress candidate, he won his first assembly election from Rajouri constituency in 1967 and also in 1987 and from Darhal in 1972. In the Cong-NC coalition government headed by Dr. Farooq Abdullah, he was given the Cabinet rank in 1989. His performance as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly from 1987 to 1990 is still remembered by political parties and leaders alike. Known for his interest in literature, Mirza Rashid used to infuse life into the proceedings of the house with frequent references to Urdu couplets. He still continues this practice while addressing Parliament or other official meetings. He says, "the passing of the Autonomy Resolution in the State Assembly of J&K unnerved Pakistan. I believe that if autonomy had been accepted by the Government of India, the majority community of the state would have straight away joined the mainstream. Pakistan would have been isolated. [Majority of the Muslims of J&K do not want Pakistan. *Tribune.* November 3, 2001: Windows 1]

Abu Salem

UAE lets Salem go as India could not prove identity. Abu Salem Ansari came to Mumbai in 1983 from a nondescript village called Sarai Mir in Azamgarh district of UP and sold garments near Crawford Market. He then started illegal PCO at Arsa Market in Andheri and soon joined the D gang as Romesh Sharma's driver. Sharma, Dawood's one-time frontman, is now cooling his heels in Tihar.

Soon, Salem was put through his underworld-christening rite and became Abu Samaan, after being entrusted with the job of delivering firearms (samaan). He continued to do so till as late as the 1992-1993 Mumbai riots. Police allege that Salem played a key role during the riots and later teamed up with Tiger Memon to smuggle RDX into Mumbai.

The police also charge him for supplying the controversial AK-47 to Sanjay Dutt, which the actor allegedly destroyed later. But that was that. Before or soon after the blasts, he joined Dawood in Dubai only to be booted out when he got Gulshan Kumar killed in 1997 without taking Dawood into confidence. Ever since, he has been operating from New Jersey, Nairobi, Nigeria and has several passports.

Salem has escaped arrest by a whisker not once but twice in the UAE itself. He was detained by the UAE authorities in 1997 for a forgery case but was released since the UAE did not have an extradition treaty with India. The treaty was signed in May 2000, but this time Salem escaped because India could not produce his fingerprints to prove that it was actually he. At the moment, it's thumbs down for India.

- 'Slippery Samaan'. *Times of India*. October 28, 2001: 14.
- Bhujbal washes his hand of Salem issue. *Tribune*. October 28, 2001: 8.
- UAE lets Salem go as India can't prove identity. *Times of India*. October 27, 2001: 1.

Adiyodi, K.G.

K.G. Adiyodi, a member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) died in New Delhi on May 28, 2001 following a massive heart attack. He was 64. His body is flown to Calicut, his hometown. He was the recipient of the Indira Gandhi Pariyavaran Award and Right to Livelihood Award. [UPSC member Adiyodi dies. *Tribune*. May 30, 2001: 8]

Agarwal, Manak

Manak Agarwal, Congress general secretary of Madhya Pradesh (M.P.) was shot at and injured by another Congress general secretary of M.P., Inder Prajapat on July 29, 2001 at Bhopal.

Prajapat had been enraged over July 28, 2001 report in a local newspaper about his love affair and subsequent marriage to the 24-year old dancer without obtaining a divorce. He had thought that Agarwal, who belonged to Madhavrao Scindia lobby, had got the report published. [Cong. feud in M.P. ends in shooting. *Times of India*. July 30, 2001: 1]

Prajapat (42) went to Agarwal's residence in posh Nishat Colony in Bhopal and fired two bullets at him, and then rang up the police saying he had killed Agrawal (49) and was going to surrender. [MP Cong Gen Secy shoots at another Secy. *Tribune*. July 30, 2001: 1]

Agarwal, Naresh

Lok-Tantrik Congress Party (LCP) leader and UP Energy Minister Naresh Agrawal was dropped from the ministry on August 10, 2001. In the morning the governor was informed about CM's decision to drop Agarwal. A BJP General Secretary said that as soon as CM got information about Agarwal's diatribe against the government in the LCP meeting at Hardwar, the process to take suitable action against him was initiated. In a meeting the senior party leaders were of the view that government should no longer tolerate Agarwal's antics. After informing the Governor, the decision of the CM was communicated to Naresh Agarwal on telephone at Hardwar.

Claims and counter-claims about the number of MLAs in the pro and anti Naresh Agarwal camps in UP continued till August 12, 2001. Even after the split in LCP no resignation was received from any minister. On August 12, 2001 LCP splitted and Naresh Agarwal was expelled from the Party. [Power less in U.P. *Times of India*. August 13, 2001: 12 (Editorial)]

- Naresh's fate was sealed at breakfast meeting. *Times of India*. August 11, 2001: 8
- LCP splits; Agarwal expelled. *Times of India*. August 12, 2001: 1
- Agarwal claims support of five MLAs. *Times of India*. August 13, 2001: 1

Agnihotri, B.K.

B. K. Agnihotri (68), presently working as Chancellor, Southern University, Baton Rouge (USA), was appointed on August 19, 2001 India's Ambassador at large in the USA to develop closer linkage with and meeting the aspirations of the USA-based NRIs, who number 1.5 million and contribute 5% of USA's GDP. Mr. Agnihotri, originally hailing from Jalandhar (Punjab), is one of the tallest members of Indian community in the USA and is very popular among the various sections of NRIs there. Based in New York, Agnihotri will be a member of the Permanent Mission of India.

Ahluwalia, Jasbir Singh

Dr. Sucha Singh Gill, an economist and Dr. U.C. Singh of the Punjab School both of Management of the Punjabi University, Patiala have been served with showcause notices for criticizing *Sangat darshan* programme of Punjab CM Prakash Singh Badal. "It is pity that Vice-Chancellor Jasbir Singh Ahluwalia and his confidants have taken upon themselves the task of defending the Chief Minister's political role. This is not what they are expected to do while heading an institution for higher learning. Nothing can be more shameful than our academic institutions treating themselves as extension counters of government", says the *Tribune*. [Don't gag academics. *Tribune*. May 30, 2001: 10]

Jasbir Singh Ahluwalia, VC, Punjabi University, Patiala was asked by the Punjab and Haryana High Court to appear in person for explaining the reason behind his alleged failure to comply with the Court directions on readmission of a law student. [Summons to Vice-Chancellor on student's admission. *Tribune*. July 20, 2001: 4]

Ahluwalia, Montek Singh

Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Planning Commission Member, becomes the first Director of IMF's independent Evaluation Office (EVO) from August 2001 as per the IMF release of May 12, 2001. [Montek Singh to be EVO Director. *Tribune*. May 13, 2001: 21]

Ahmad, Ateeq

Uttar Pradesh MLA, Ateeq Ahmad, was arrested on February 15, 2001 for his alleged complicity in the murder of a corporator in 1994. The legislator was arrested after a CID inquiry found his complicity in the murder of his one-time associate Ashfaq. [MLA held for murder. *Tribune*. February 17, 2001: 1]

Ahmed, Sayed Sageer (Justice)

Justice Sageer Ahmed has been appointed Chairman of the Rajasthan State Human Rights Commission. An official announcement to this effect was made in Jaipur on February 8, 2001. Justice Ahmed is the former Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir and Andhra Pradesh High Courts. [Ahmed Rajasthan HR Panel Chief. *Tribune*. February 9, 2001: 8]

Ajit Kumar

Finance Secretary Ajit Kumar has been made Planning Commission Secretary in place of Mr. N.C. Saxena who is on leave presently. Mr. Ajit Kumar is 1964 batch IAS officer of Punjab Cadre. [*Economic Times*. November 5, 2001: 1; *Tribune*. November 5, 2001: 1]

Ajit Singh

Rashtriya Lok Dal leader Ajit Singh, 62, was inducted into the Vajpayee cabinet on July 22, 2001 with an eye on the forthcoming assembly poll in U.P.

Despite opposition from Haryana Chief Minister and INLD leader Om Prakash Chautala, Mr. Ajit Singh has been given the Agriculture portfolio. He takes charge from Nitish Kumar. [Ajit in Cabinet, gets Agriculture. *Tribune*. July 23, 2001: 1]

BJP strategists including UP Chief Minister Rajnath Singh feel that Ajit Singh's influence among the Jats in the Western part of the country's most populous state can shore up the chances of BJP in the upcoming Assembly elections.

- Ajit to get Cabinet berth. *Tribune*. July 22, 2001: 1.
- BJP pins hopes on Ajit Singh. *Tribune*. July 23, 2001: 20.
- Ajit Singh to join cabinet. *Sunday Times*. July 22, 2001: 1.

Ajit Singh, a computer technologist and the son of former Prime Minister late Chaudhary Charan Singh, has been in political hibernation since he parted company with Samajwadi Party Chief Mulayam Singh Yadav in 1996. The newly forged alliance between Ajit Singh's Rashtriya Lok Dal and BJP is a marriage of convenience. Ajit Singh has gained immediately by becoming the Union Minister of Agriculture and the BJP expects to reap the benefit in near future at the coming assembly elections in U.P.

Ajit Singh has no charisma and in the coming elections the anti-incumbency factor shall also be there. The performance of Ajit Singh under the circumstances will be crucial for his political future. [The Ajit Singh factor in U.P. *Tribune*. July 26, 2001: 8]

Akhtar, Javed

Noted poet and husband of Shabana Azmi received 'Maulana Azad Award' for the year 2001 in New Delhi on November 19, 2001. This award has been presented for his contribution in maintaining communal harmony. [Shabana. Javed get awards. *Tribune*. November 20. 2001: 8]

Akshay Kumar

After breaking up with many, Akshay Kumar finally said "yes". He succumbed to the idea of happy matrimony with Twinkel Khanna, a daughter of Rajesh Khanna and Dimple Kapadia. [Retired Bachelor. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 182]

Alva, Jeevraj

Jeevraj Alva, 53, Doctor by profession, artist by choice and a politician by default is no more. Alva became an MLA at 31. Recognised in Karnataka as an able organiser. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 174]

Amar Singh

Discontentment appeared to be brewing in the Samajwadi Party over the clout enjoyed by Mulayam Singh Yadav's aide Amar Singh. SP MP and former Union Minister Balram Singh Yadav writes to the Party President: "In the interest of the party, I would like to say that the party should immediately get rid of opportunists and shady characters like Amar Singh". [Discontentment over Amar Singh's clout. *Tribune*. Nov. 7. 2001: 14]

Amarinder Singh (Capt.)

The book, *A Ridge too Far*, on the war in Kargil Heights by the Punjab Congress Chief, Capt. Amarinder Singh was released on July 28, 2001 at New Delhi by the Chief of Army staff, Gen. S. Padmanabhan. Gen. V.P. Malik (Retd.) the former Army Chief, who has contributed the foreword to the book was also present on the occasion. Gen. Padmanabhan said the book filled certain lacunae that remained in the existing accounts about the Kargil war. The book presents the story of courage and valour displayed by the soldiers of various regiments in each operation to dislodge the intruders from the inhospitable Kargil Heights. [Amarinder's book on Kargil War released. *Tribune*. July 29, 2001: 22]

Capt. Amarinder Singh, President Punjab PCC on November 6, 2001 rushed to Delhi to meet Mrs. Sonia Gandhi, President of Congress Party, to request her to discipline Jagmeet Brar who fired a fresh salvo against Amarinder on November 5 regarding ticket allocation and chief ministership. [Amarinder rushes to Delhi; may ask Sonia to discipline Brar. *Tribune*. November 7, 2001: 1]

Punjab PCC President Amarinder Singh appeared before the Congress Election Committee and sought the party ticket for himself from the Patiala Vidhan Sabha seat. Amarinder Singh is locked with former state minister Brahm Mohindra who has been elected four times from Patiala seat. [Amarinder stakes claim to Patiala seat. *Times of India*. December 21, 2001: 4]

Ambasht, Nawal Kishore

Mr. Nawal Kishore Ambasht is a well-known educationist. He has been selected for the prestigious Nehru Literacy Award for his contributions in the field of adult education.

Amir Alam

Amir Alam, Rashtriya Lok Dal (Secular) Member of the Lok Sabha from U.P. on November 20, 2001 joined the Samajwadi Party. [M.P. joins SP. *Tribune*. November 22, 2001: 1]

Amritraj, Vijay

Vijay Amritraj is a top-ranked tennis player, the first professional athlete from India in any sport, winner of 16 major tournaments, successful businessman and actor. For Vijay Amritraj, all these accomplishments were just a prelude to the greatest honour of his life –becoming a Messenger of Peace for the United Nations.

"This is Everest," he said in an interview on the eve of his appointment on February 9 by Secretary-General Kofi Annan to his new role of helping to focus worldwide attention on the work of the United Nations. "This is… the top of the mountain."

Since 1954, when the late US comedian Danny Kaye became the first goodwill ambassador for the United Nations Children's Fund, leading personalities in the arts, sports, literature and public life have been travelling around the world advertising the work of UN agencies. In 1997, Annan created a new title – Messenger of Peace – to try to raise global awareness of the UN's primary work in promoting peace through a wide range of activities.

Amritraj becomes only the eighth Messenger of Peace, joining boxing great Muhammad Ali, actor Michael Douglas, basketball legend Magic Johnson, opera star Luciano Pavarotti, Nobel Peace Prize winner Eli Wiesel, Italian author Anan Cataldi and French singer Enrico Macias.

"You can't even put any other kind of achievement in the same league," Amritraj said. "This is not just an honour to me. This is for my country, to have an Indian be able to do this."

Being a Messenger of Peace, he said, will give him the chance to work with children, especially those who are orphans and handicapped, as well as promoting AIDS awareness. The position is not a full-time job, nor is it a paid post. It is largely up to each Messenger – working with UN officials – to decide how to carry out the role. [This is Everest, says Amritraj. *Tribune*. February 10, 2001: 19]

Anand, Viswanathan

Viswanathan Anand, the Grandmaster became the first Indian Chess player to clinch the world chess title winning the FIDE World Chess Championship in Teheran on December 24, 2000. He defeated Alexei Shirov of Spain, 3.5-0.5. He was formally crowned as the 15th World Chess Champion and presented a trophy, a citation, a gold medal and $660,000 as prize money. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. February 2001: 147]

Ancheri, Joe Paul

Joe Paul Ancheri of Kerala has been adjudged as the 'player of the year' by the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) on December 30, 2001 at a meeting of the general body and special general meeting at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi. Joe Paul Ancheri will be given cash prize of Rs.15,000/-. Announcement to this effect was made by AIFF Secretary Alberto Colaco. [Joe Paul Ancheri 'footballer of year'. *Tribune*. December 31, 2001: 15]

Anka Toppo, C.S.P.

C.S.P. Anka Toppo, a Scheduled Tribe blind candidate has succeeded in his attempt to sit in for MBBS examination after a struggle of eight years. This could be done in view of the intervention of the National Human Rights Commission.

Anka Toppo was selected for the MBBS course at the AIIM, New Delhi in 1989 against the reserved quota of Scheduled Tribes. But he lost his eyesight in September 1993 due to Eal's disease just two months before the final year of the MBBS examination. Despite undergoing five medical operations during 1994-95, his vision could not be restored. Since there were precedents, Anka Toppo was permitted tc appear in the final examination with the help of a special writer and in internship with the help of an assistant. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. August 2001: 167]

Antil, Seema

Seema Antil, the Discus thrower from Sonepat (Haryana) became the first Indian athlete ever to win a Gold Medal in a World Championship at the World Junior Athletics Championship in Santiage (Chile) on October 19, 2000. She achieved an impressive throw of 55.27 meters. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. January 2001: 143]

Antony, A.K.

CWC member, A.K. Antony was unanimously elected as the leader of Congress Legislature Party in Kerala on May 15, 2001. He is set to become the State's new Chief Minister. He succeeds the outgoing Chief Minister E.K. Nayanar whose LDF government was defeated in the elections to the 11th Kerala Assembly. Mr. Antony's name for the post of Chief Minister was cleared by Smt. Sonia Gandhi. The election of Mr.

A.K. Antony was smooth in view of party veteran K. Karunakaran's assertion that he was not in the race for Chief Ministership. [Antony to be Kerala CM. *Tribune*. May 16, 2001: 1]

Anuradha Devi, N.R.

Veteran cine personality, Ms. Anuradha Devi has become the first woman producer in the world with the highest number of feature films to her credit. By producing 17 movies in Telugu and Tamil, Ms. Anuradha Devi has got her name etched into the Limca Book of Records. Daughter of Venkataramaiah Appa Rao, founder of Chennai-based Chala Studios and Krishnaveni, an actress, Anuradha's debut production was "Kanni Rinda Kannavad" (Tamil) followed by a Telugu movie "Illrikam". Interestingly in one of her films, "Adiamaien Kadalan", the late NTR starred opposite Ms. J. Jayalalitha, the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. September 2001: 170]

Arif, S.M.

S.M. Arif, who is the mentor of Gopichand has been bestowed with the Dronacharya Award (Badminton) which carry the award money of Rs.2.50 lakh. The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the Award on August 2, 2001. [Arjuna Award for Milkha, Abhinav; Khel Ratna for Gopichand. *Tribune*. August 3, 2001: 1, 16]

S.M. Arif, who received the Dronacharya Award on September 29, symbolizes the finest qualities of a sage and a guru.

As a guru, Arif moulds attitudes of his trainees – their attitude to sports, studies and to life. He lays stress on fair play on and off the court. He demands total dedication and intense application from his wards. He lays stress on total personality development, in which sports plays a vital role.

Arif is easily a sage among the coaches. His acumen has been assimilated during his coaching spread over three decades. His coaching has a quality that goes deep into areas like physical fitness and psychology besides the theory and the practical aspects of coaching. He is meticulous to cover the 'why' and the 'how' of all areas that touch a trainee. This includes his/her eating and sleeping habits; recreation and even socializing.

His coaching is on a one-to-one basis. "While sensitive players get put off by mere pointing out a fault, there are those who need extra efforts to bring home a point. Some need a mere hint while others learn through repeated effort", points out Arif.

"So the sensitive one needs to be toughened up and the tough ones further built upon", he adds. Also, each player progresses at his speed, with his capacity. Arif works as a catalyst. He takes care not to be overbearing. That may discourage the trainee.

Himself a cool person, nothing ruffles Arif. He is soft-spoken. His biggest virtue is his modesty. Touch of Hyderabadi 'tehzib' is visible in his talk. But he demands Arjuna's accuracy from his wards. "Hit the inner edge of the line. And leave the shuttle if it is half an inch out", he tells them and inspires them to achieve that precision.

Arif works with his wards demonstrating finer nuances which badminton has in plenty. That needs patience, which he has in abundant measure. His motto: When hard work does not pay, harder work does.

No wonder, his trainees have done him proud by winning several international, national and umpteen state level titles. P. Gopichand winning the All-England title has given him the biggest satisfaction. And his joy knew no bounds when Gopichand received his award, the coveted Rajiv Khel Ratan, along with him.

A medal at the 2004 Olympics at Athens is the target Arif has set his eyes on. He is confident that his wards will make his dream come true. Success story of every outstanding man has always a woman partner. In Arif's case his wife Fatima is a pillar of strength. [Arif demands total dedication. *Tribune*. October 20, 2001: 18]

Arora, N.K.

Naresh Kumar Arora, and IAS officer of 1965 batch took over as the Chief Secretary of Punjab on January 31, 2001. He replaced R.S. Mann who attained the age of superannuation. Arora will also hold charge of the Personnel and Vigilance. Government of Punjab issued order pertaining to Arora's appointment on January 30, 2001.

Born on September 1, 1942, Mr. Arora entered IAS in 1965 after post-graduation in History. His first posting was as SDM at Moga. He has served as the Deputy Commissioner of Bhatinda and Ferozpur, besides holding other important posts, including that of Principal Secretary (Home Affairs) and Chief Vigilance Officer, Food Corporation of India, from 1984 to 1989. [Arora new Chief Secretary of Punjab. *Tribune*. January 31, 2001: 14]

Punjab Chief Secretary N.K. Arora was honoured at Jalandhar on November 18, 2001 by the Chairman of CT Education Society, Charanjit Singh Channi, who is alleged infamous land-grabber of the city, and is facing a number of charges in different cases pertaining to the development of illegal colonies in and around the city. Singh is allegedly running a land mafia and has been facing charges under section 307 of IPC. Channi has allegedly gained notoriety for several unlawful activities, related with land grabbing, attempt to murder and other criminal acts. A number of police cases are pending against him in the local police stations. Addressing the gathering, Channi said Arora was like a godfather to him and had been helpful to him in more than one ways. "He has never said no to me whenever I had approached him." [Land-grabber honours CS. *Tribune*. November 19, 2001: 1, 18]

Punjab Chief Secretary N.K. Arora denied his playing 'godfather' to Charanjit Singh Channi who, he added, if found guilty the law will take its own course.

- Law will take its own course: C.S. *Tribune*. November 20, 2001: 1.
- Mann for CBI probe into Channi-Chief Secy links. *Tribune*. November 20, 2001: 5.

Ashok Kumar

Ashok Kumar, popularly known as "Dada Moni", who left his indelible mark on the silver screen with his brilliant portrayals, died after prolonged illness in Mumbai on December 10, 2001, family sources said. He was 90. He is survived by his son, Arup Kumar, and two daughters, including actress Preet Ganguli.

Before entering films, Ashok Kumar was a law student in Kolkata. He started in movies as a laboratory assistant at Filmalaya Studios, founded by his brother-in-law Sashadhar Mukherjee.

An actor by default, Ashok Kumar, was forced to act in 1936 by Himanshu Roy of Bombay Talkies as a hero in *Jeevan Naiya*, when the original leading man of the film fell ill. The shy and reserved hero, hailing from a zamindar family from Bengal, made a faux pas when he was asked to jump on the back of the villain at a given cue, but inadvertently jumped on him before time, leaving the villain with a fractured leg.

Addressed as Dada Moni, by both the young and old in Bollywood, the legendary artiste carved a niche for himself on the silver screen as a versatile actor, who could fit into the boots of any character with ease, doing equal justice to every role.

Described as an actor par excellence who sailed through diverse roles with equal élan, be it the suave upper class barrister, the cigar-smoking detective, the ugly deglamorised talented singer or the iconoclast-hero, for Ashok Kumar, acting came effortlessly.

One of his early hits was *Achhut Kanya* in which he played a Brahmin boy and featured opposite Devika Rani. The actor shone in films like *Mahal, Samadhi, Howrah Bridge* and *Khoobsurat.* Ashok Kumar also produced movies like *Mahal, Majboor, Mashaal* and *Ziddi* for Bombay Talkies.

Dada Moni had also cherished to become a director of Hindi films. He, later, launched his Ashok Kumar Productions and went on to produce *Maa, Kalpana* and *Meri Soorat Teri Aankhen.* Ashok also portrayed negative roles in *Kismat, Aarti, Ustadon ke Ustad* and *Jewel Thief.* The actor switched over to character roles with *Kanoon* and *Oonchey Log.* He teamed up with his two brothers – Kishore Kumar and Anoop Kumar – in *Chalti Ka Naam Gaadi*, which was a major hit.

Ashok went on to win the National Award for *Ashirwad* in 1969. He was also presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996 for his 62-year contribution to the film industry.

- Ashok Kumar is dead. *Times of India.* December 11, 2001: 1.
- A genuine actor and gentleman. *Times of India.* December 11, 2001: 6.
- Dadamoni birth place misses him. *Tribune.* December 16, 2001: 7.
- The first superstar. *India Today.* December 24, 2001: 74.

Ashok Kumar was called Statesman Star by the *India Today* which summed up his life sketch as: Dadamoni, they called him. Suggestive though the term was of his personal attributes. Ashok Kumar was ultimately the man who radiated caliber through a career spanning 60 years in Bollywood. From the hamming hero of the pre-dubbing talkies to an innumerable array of character roles, he kept pace with an evolving cinema with seamless ease. From his debut *Jeevan Naiya* (1936) he moved on to hits like *Kismet*, *Mahal*, *Bandini*, the smooth rogue in *Jewel Thief* and the cameo performer in *Shukti* and *Khubsoorat*. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 169]

Aulakh, Kirpal Singh (Dr.)

Dr. Kirpal Singh Aulakh has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana with effect from April 1, 2001. A decision to this effect was unanimously taken by the Punjab Agricultural University's Board of Management at a meeting in Chandigarh on January 25, 2001. Dr. Aulakh replaces Dr. G.S. Kalkat who has sought to be relieved by March 31, 2001. Dr. Aulakh will have a four-year term.

Dr. Aulakh is a product of PAU. He did his B.Sc. (Agriculture) in 1962, M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Plant Pathology in 1964 and 1968, respectively. Starting his career as a Lecturer in Botany in Khalsa College, Amritsar in 1964, he rose to be the Professor and Head of Plant Pathology Department at PAU and later became Dean, College of Agriculture, Director of Research and pro-Vice-Chancellor. He brings with him vast academic and administrative experience. He is a globe-trotter.

Azharuddin, Mohammed

Former Indian Cricket captain Mohd. Azharuddin on January 29, 2001 filed a suit in a court at Hyderabad challenging a life ban imposed on him by the Board of Control for Cricket (BCCI) for his alleged involvement in the match-fixing scandal. Azaharuddin filed the suit two months after the BCCI imposed the ban on him. The ban was imposed after the BCCI's anti-corruption commissioner K. Madhavan submitted report on a probe conducted by the CBI into the match fixing scandal. [Azhar challenges life ban in court. *Tribune*. January 30, 2001: 14]

Azmi, Shabana

Noted actress and Rajya Sabha Member received the National Integration Award for the year 2001. She was presented with the award by noted jurist L.M. Singhvi and Chairman of All India Anti-terrorist Front M.S. Bitta at a function at Parliament House Annexe in New Delhi on November 19, 2001. This award was presented in recognition for her contribution in communicating to the public in a delicate situation and help save the country from a communal backlash provoked by the Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid. [*Tribune*. November 20, 2001: 8]

Noted actress Shabana Azmi said in Lucknow: I do not react to personal attacks. Challenge me on idea, involve me on ideological debate, and I am willing to enter the fray. Imam Bukhari has shown what he actually is. She adds: Media only picked up the rabid utterances and provocative statements of a few individuals and portrayed them as the voice of the Muslim as a bloc. Suddenly the Press seems to have got sensitized to giving Muslim liberal their space. [Muslim liberals will have role now. *Times of India*. November 21, 2001: 8]

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Bachchan, Amitabh

Amitabh Bachchan, a great film star, unveiled his life-like wax figure in Madame Tussaud's Museum in London on December 20, 2000. For this honour Bachchan was selected on the basis of a world wide Internet and opinion poll from among filmstars, scoring over Raj Kapoor, Shah Rukh Khan, Aishwarya Rai and Madhuri Dixit. [Persons in News. *Competition Success Review*. February 2001: 147]

Noted Bollywood icon Amitabh Bachchan was decorated with Padma Bhushan by President K.R. Narayanan on March 22, 2001. [Padma Bhushan for Amitabh Bachchan. *Tribune*. March 23, 2001: 24]

Amitabh Bachchan talked to Ashwini Bhatnagar on the sets of KBC in Mumbai and narrated his experiences of *Kaun Banega Crorepati* (KBC) and compared these with his work as an actor in the films. It was on the eve of KBC's completion of one year. KBC, he said, had been a remarkable experience – wonderful moments of joy and happiness, great highs. He also added: "If you get too involved in this whole business of success, it can be terrible, it can be very destructive." [*Tribune*. June 23, 2001: Windows 13]

Indian screen superstar Amitabh Bachchan, 59 years old, will now be worshipped in a temple to be built in his honour by his die-hard fans. The fans have hailed him as the "Superstar of the Millennium" and are arranging to worship him on July 5 as Guru-Purnima day. The Amitabh Bachchan Fan Association (ABFA) is behind this move. Instead of religious hymns, Bachchan's dialogues from his famous films would be chanted during prayer sessions. [A temple for Amitabh Bachchan. *Tribune*. June 27, 2001: 1]

Badal, Parkash Singh

Chief Minister of Punjab, Prakash Singh Badal suffered a fracture in the upper end of his left femur after slipping in the bathroom at about 6:30 a.m. on November 18, 2001 at the guest house of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. CM was about to have a bath when he slipped. He was immediately rushed to a local private hospital for a clinical examination. He was flown to New Delhi in the evening for an operation at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. [Slip makes Badal miss his show. *Times of India*. November 19, 2001: 1]

Due to this sudden mishap Badal could not attend the concluding function of the week-long celebrations to mark the coronation day of Maharaja Ranjit Singh on November 18, 2001. Six to eight weeks of complete rest advised by the doctors is a cause of worry for Akalis in view of the party's dwindling hopes for a successful assembly elections due in next few months. Absence of the star campaigner in P.S. Badal on the one hand and resurgent Congress on the other is a source of worry for Akali-BJP combine. [Badal fractures left leg. *Indian Express*. Nov. 19, 2001: 1]

Doctors at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in New Delhi operated on Badal for a thigh bone fracture on November 20, 2001. He was hale and hearty after the operation, and was expected to be back on work within a week.

- Badal cheerful after operation. *Times of India*. November 21, 2001: 1.
- Badal operated upon. *Tribune*. November 21, 2001: 15]

Ravi Inder Singh, the former Speaker of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, assailed Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal for his alleged use of foul language against his detractors at Ludhiana on December 20, 2001. He added that it showed Badal's frustration. [CM flayed for using foul language. *Tribune*. December 21, 2001: 5]

Badungar, Kirpal Singh

Kirpal Singh Badungar, officer on Special Duty to the Chief Minister of Punjab P.S. Badal on November 27, 2001 became the 32nd President of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandak Committee (SGPC) replacing Mr. J.S. Talwandi. Mr. Kirpal Singh Badungar is also Secretary of Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD). Mr. Badungar got 112 votes while the joint candidate of the Panthic Morcha, Mr. Sukhdev Singh Bhaur, polled 56 votes.

[Badal's OSD Badungar is SGPC Chief: Talwandi, Josh tear their ballot papers. *Tribune*. November 28, 2001: 1]

Bahadur, Mufakhkham Jah (Prince)

Prince M. Jah Bahadur, a scion of the erstwhile Nizam dynasty of Hyderabad has been appointed Amir-i-Jamia (Chancellor) of Jamia Millia Islamia. The appointment was announced by the Anjuman (Court) of Jamia Millia at its meeting on November 27, 2001. Prince M. Jah Bahadur is son of Hyderabad Nizam, Prince Azam Jah. He had his education in Hyderabad, France and England. [*Tribune*. November 29, 2001: 8]

Bahuguna, Kamala

Kamala Bahuguna, a former MP and wife of former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister late Mr. H.N. Bahuguna, died at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi on November 6, 2001 after protracted illness. She was 77. Ms. Bahuguna was suffering from fibriosis of lung and was admitted in the hospital. She is survived by two sons and a daughter. [*Tribune*. November 7, 2001: 8]

Bains, C.L.

C.L. Bains, presently the Financial Commissioner (Development) Punjab is to be the new Punjab Election Commissioner. He will take over on December 1, 2001 when the present incumbent C.D. Cheema retires.

Bains joined the IAS in 1966 and was due to retire on June 30, 2002. The tenure of EC is for five years. [C.L. Bains to be Punjab E.C. *Tribune*. October 28, 2001: 24]

Bains, Didar Singh

The controversy over the World Sikh Council (WSC) has turned murkier as the parallel group has declared Mr. Didar Singh Bains, the richest Sikh farmer in the world (based in America), as its President.

This decision was taken at an emergency meeting of the parallel group of the WSC held in Chandigarh even as Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti, Jathedar, Akal Takht, had directed the office-bearers of both warring factions to present themselves before the high priests tomorrow to resolve the three-year-old deadlock. Mr. Jaswant Singh Mann and Dr. Puran Singh Jassi, both members of the 12-member executive committee of the WSC, announced by the then Jathedar, Akal Takht, Giani Puran Singh, disclosed that they had to take this decision as the five high priests were inclined to accord recognition to Justice Kuldip Singh (retd.) as President of the WSC.

They said despite the directives of Akal Takht, Justice Kuldip Singh had expressed his inability to work in the 12-member committee. He (Justice Kuldip Singh), however, continued to work as Chairman of the WSC even after it was dissolved by the then Jathedar of Akal Takht.

- Group declares Didar Singh WSC chief. *Tribune*. May 4, 2001: 18.
- Deadlock over WSC issue. *Tribune*. May 15, 2001: 1.

Bains, S.S. (Dr.)

Dr. S.S. Bains has been appointed Director of Agriculture, Punjab. Earlier he was Advisor Agriculture. [*Tribune*. January 2, 2001: 5]

Bains, Vikrant

Vikrant Bains of Chandigarh has topped in the Management Entrance Test – 2001 conducted by the Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar. [*Tribune*. June 10, 2001: 3]

Bajaj, Rahul

Chairman of the Bajaj Group, Rahul Bajaj, was conferred the Padma Bhushan Award on March 21, 2001. Rahul Bajaj is former President of Confederation of Indian Industries, a member of the Trade Advisory Committee of the Central Government and also former President of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM). [Rahul Bajaj gets Padma Bhushan. *Tribune*. March 22, 2001: 17]

Bajpai, Ashok

Renowned newsreader of the All India Radio (AIR), Ashok Bajpai, passed away in New Delhi on February 16, 2001 following a heart attack. He was 73. He had joined AIR as an announcer in 1949 and later made his mark at the national scene as a Hindi newsreader. [AIR newsreader Bajpai dead. *Tribune.* February 17, 2001: 8]

Balaram, S.

Mr. S. Balaram has won the Helen Keller Award 2001 for promoting the cause of employment for disabled people. Mr. Balaram is the principal designer at the Ahmedabad based National Institute of Design (NID). [*Tribune.* Nov. 16, 2001: 14]

Balasubramanyan, Penvemba Krishna Iyer (Justice)

Justice P.K.I. Balasubramanyan, a Judge of the Kerala High Court is to be the next Chief Justice of Orissa High Court. Press communiqué to this effect was issued in New Delhi on Tuesday, the November 27, 2001. This appointment takes effect from the date he assumes charge of his new office. [Kerala Judge is Orissa CJ. *Tribune.* November 29, 2001: 8]

Balayogi, G.M.C.

Mr. G.M.C. Balayogi, led an eight-member Indian parliamentary delegation to the weeklong conference, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) at Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Parliamentarians from 140 countries voiced their concern about protecting children and eliminating HIV/AIDS menance at their meeting. [*Tribune.* September 9, 2001:8]

Bandyopadhyay, Karuna

Noted Bengali film actress Karuna Bandyopadhyay died in Kolkata after a prolonged illness at her residence on November 13. She had played Apu's mother in Oscar-winning director Satyajit Ray's classic *Pather Panchali.* She also worked in Satyajit Ray's other films like *Kanchanjungha* besides working for other great directors including Mrinal Sen. [*Tribune,* November 14, 2001: 8]

Banerjee, Mamta

Trinamul Congress Supremo, Mamta Banerjee, threatened that the TMC will withdraw its support to the BJP led NDA government, unless George Fernandes is dropped as the Defence Minister, in view of tehelka revelations. She said, "we cannot compromise on security and the national interest of the country... (the government) should be more transparent on these kinds of deals. The government should come clean. We will not provide any outside support to the government."

Perhaps Mamta Banerjee was seeking an excuse to leave NDA and join hands with the Congress Party in view of the forthcoming West Bengal elections. Though George Fernandes was dropped, she and her party walked out of NDA, and fought West Bengal election in collaboration with Congress Party. But unfortunately all this proved disastrous for Mamta Banerjee and TMC. She shamefacedly had to rejoin the NDA, though George Fernandes is again the Union Defence Minister.

Banerjee, Sonali

24-year old Sonali Banerjee becomes India's first woman marine engineer on duty. After clearing an engineering entrance examination, Sonali joined the Marine Engineering Research Institute (MERI) at Taratala for a four-year course. She has been recruited by Mobil Shipping.

Sonali hails from Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh.

Bansi Lal

Haryana Vikas Party Chief Bansi Lal on June 24, 2001 at Jind said that Chief Minister O.P. Chautala should take up the Sutlej-Yamuna link-canal issue with the Centre and Punjab government for early completion of the canal. He alleged that Chautala is indifferent to this issue because of his friendship with C.M. Prakash Singh Badal of Punjab. [Take up SYL issue with Centre. *Tribune*. June 25, 2001: 7]

Batra, Sunit

Ms. Sunit Batra hailing from Amritsar (Pb) was chosen Miss Lashkara-2001 while Kiran Gill of Mumbai and Gehna Singh of Bhopal were declared the first and second runners-ups at the 'Miss Lashkara-200 Beauty Pageant' held in Ludhiana on December 5, 2001. [Sunit Batra i Miss Lashkara 2001. *Tribune*. December 7, 2001: 16]

Bawa, R.S. (Dr.)

Dr. R.S. Bawa, an Economist and Registrar at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar has been elected President of the Indian Economic Association for 2001 at the annual conference of the Association at Jammu. Dr. Bawa is the first serving economist from Punjab to get this honour. The Indian Economic Association is the most prestigious, oldest and the largest professional body of economists with an active membership of over 2000. Earlier, renowned economists like Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen, Mr. I.G. Patel and Mr. C. Rangarajan, former Governors of the Reserve Bank of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, former Finance Minister of India had the honour of becoming the President of the Association. [Dr. R.S. Bawa is IEA chief. *Tribune*. January 6, 2001: 5]

Bedi, Harinder Singh (Dr.)

Dr. Harinder Singh Bedi, Chairman, Department of Cardiac Surgery at the Tagore Heart Care, Jalandhar (Punjab) has been honoured with the 'Surgeon of the Millennium' Award by the Association of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

In North India, Dr. Bedi is the only expert surgeon in a surgical procedure called "combined carotid endarterectomy and coronary artery bypass grafting" (combined CEA + CABG). He learnt the technique form Dr. Mark Shanahan, Dr. V. Chang and Prof. Reg. Lord of the St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, Australia. Twenty five patients have already had successful operations performed by him. [Surgery to save heart and brain. *Tribune*. January 3, 2001: 15]

Dr. Harinder Singh Bedi, Chief Cardiac Surgeon and Chairman Cardiac Surgery of the Tagore Heart Care, Jalandhar, has been invited on the faculty of the Ohio State University, Cleveland, USA, as a Visiting Professor. This prestigious post has been offered to Dr. Bedi in recognition of his contribution to the field of minimally invasive cardiac surgery. Dr. Bedi will be participating in robotic heart surgery and in teaching his innovative techniques in the University.

Dr. Bedi is the first Indian to have been invited for this distinguished post. With this experience he will be the first person in Asia to start robotic techniques which are already being practised in five centres in the USA and Europe. With these techniques major open heart surgery will be possible via tiny·keyhole incisions with a resultant reduction in morbidity. After a triple bypass such a patient can go home on the second day after surgery. [Dr. Bedi for USA as Visiting Professor. *Tribune*. January 26, 2001: 3]

Bhagvandas, Pradeep K.

The USA based Global Environmental Foundation has nominated noted environmentalist Pradeep K. Bhagvandas to its Environmental Hall of Fame 1000 for 2000-2001 for his outstanding contribution to marine turtle conservation and study of their migratory behaviour in the Eastern and Southern Indian Ocean. Mr. Bhagvandas shares the nomination with seven other international conservationalists. The award carrying a gold-plated plaque, a citation and a cash prize of $10,000/- would be handed over to him on March 21, 2001 at Miami (USA). [*Tribune*. November 16, 2001: 8]

Bhagwat, Vishnu (Admiral)

Former Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Vishnu Bhagwat has lashed out at the Defence Minister, George Fernandes, in his book and accused him of "destroying" an institution in dismissing him from service more than two years ago.

Although the former Admiral has not kept quiet during the period after his dismissal in December 1998, but this is for the first time that he has said that after his sacking no Chief of Army, Navy or Air Force could look into the eyes of his men. They had reduced themselves to pygmies from being leaders overnight.

The 416-page book, which has been titled as "Betrayal of the Defence Forces", has been published by Manas Publications.

In a chapter titled, "A Matter of Honour" the former Admiral has said that after the final blow had been delivered by the Defence Minister, he had replaced the Chief of Naval Staff of a Republic with, "another officer, his private choice, at will, without due process".

While quoting from the autobiography of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, *A Sailor's Odyssey*, that it takes three years to build a ship, three hundred years to build a tradition and an hour to destroy it all, former Admiral Vishnu Bhagwat has said, "George Fernandes has not dismissed Admiral Vishnu Bhagwat, he has destroyed an institution." [Bhagwat's book flays George. *Tribune.* February 16, 2001: 8]

Bhagwati, P.N. (Justice)

Justice P.N. Bhagwati has been unanimously elected as the Chairman of the United Nations Human Rights Committee. This is the first time that an Indian has been elected to a UN treaty body under the Human Rights instruments. Justice Bhagwati is the former Chief Justice of India.

- *India Today.* May 14, 2001: 17.
- Persons in news. *Competition Success Rev.* June 2001: 157.

Eminent jurist and former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice P.N. Bhagwati has been appointed Chairman of the New York based United Nations Human Rights Committee (UNHRC) for a four-year term on March 19, 2001. He will be heading the Committee which has 18 members or the state parties to the international covenant on civil and political rights which came into force on March 23, 1976.

- Bhagwati is global rights panel chief. *Tribune.* March 23, 2001: 11.
- Bhagwati appointed UNHRC Chief. *Tribune.* March 27, 2001: 8.

Bhalla, K.S. (Justice)

Justice K.S. Bhalla, a retired Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, heads the judicial commission to probe sacrilege related to Baba Piara Singh Bhaniara. The Political Affairs Committee of the Shiromani Akali Dal decided on October 22, 2001 to constitute this one-man judicial commission. This commission has legal sanction. [Justice Bhalla to prove sacrilege. *Tribune.* October 23, 2001: 1, 16]

Bhanghu, Gurdial Singh

Gurdial Singh Bhanghu was selected for Dronacharya Award (Hockey) for 2000. The award carries a cash reward of Rs.2.5 lakh. The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the award on August 2, 2001. [*Tribune.* August 3, 2001: 1, 16]

Bhanumati Devi

Bhanumati Devi has been presented the prestigious Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Award for the Year 2001 on September 7, 2001. Bhanumati Devi – an eminent theatre artiste has been awarded for her lifetime contribution to Oriya theatre and cinema. The award was presented to her by the celebrated Hindustani vocalist, Girija Devi, at a glittering function in Bhubaneshwar. [*Tribune.* September 9, 2001: 8]

Bharati, Sanghamitra

S. Bharati, a junior employee of the Assam Legislative Assembly in Guwahati, claimed to have married former Assam CM P.K. Mahanta in a Mumbai temple on March 11, 2001.

Bhartia, Hari S.

Owner and promoter of the Rs.800 cr. Vam Bhartiya group, Hari S. Bhartia was elected Chairman of the Confederation of Indian Industries (Northern Region) at the first meeting of the newly elected Regional Council of the CII. The meeting took place in Delhi on April 18, 2001. [Bhartia new CII (NR) Chairman. *Tribune.* April 19, 2001: 13]

Bhartia, Shobana (Ms.)

Ms. Shobana Bhartia, Vice-Chairman and Editorial Director of the *Hindustan Times* was conferred the Business Woman of the Year Award on December 8, 2001. The award has been constituted by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Union Home Minister, L.K. Advani presented the award to Ms. Bhartia. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review.* January, 2002: 158]

Bharucha, S.P. (Justice)

Justice Sam Piroj Bharucha was sworn in as the Chief Justice of India on November 1, 2001. President K.R. Narayanan administered the oath of office at Ashoka Hall in Rashtrapati Bhavan. The Vice-President, P.M., Home Minister, Law Minister and other Union Cabinet Ministers were present at the swearing in ceremony.

Born on May 6, 1937 Mr. Justice Bharucha was enrolled as an advocate of the Bombay High Court on July 28, 1960. He was appointed as the

Additional Judge in the Bombay High Court on September 19, 1977 and as permanent Judge on April 3, 1978. He was appointed as the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court on November 1, 1991 and was appointed as the Judge of the Supreme Court on July 1, 1992. [Bharucha sworn in Chief Justice. *Tribune*. November 2, 2001:8]

Bhat, Abdul Gani

Abdul Gani Bhat, Chairman of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference, in New Delhi on June 24, 2001 showers special praise on PM Vajpayee, "Calling him a man of vision and a man who has a deeper understanding of politics." About Vajpayee's ability to solve Kashmir issue in the forthcoming Indo-Pakistan summit, he adds... given, of course, space and time, he can prove it in practical terms. These remarks were in connection with the upcoming Indo-Pakistan summit in mid July 2001.

- APHC Chief praises Vajpayee. *Tribune*. June 25, 2001: 1.
- PM has vision to solve Kashmir issue: Bhat. *Times of India*. June 25, 2001: 1.

Bhatia, D.V.

D.V. Bhatia has been unanimously elected as the President of the Haryana Tennis Association for a term of 4 years, 2001-2005. He is also the Vice-President of the All India Tennis Association.

Bhatia, Vineet

Vineet Bhatia is the Chef of London's Zaika restaurant. He became the first Indian to be awarded a Michelin Star. [*India Today*. December 31, 2001: 182]

Bhatkar, Vijay

Vijay Bhatkar is now the Chairman of the Education-to-Home Research Laboratory. He is the former Executive Director of Centre for Advanced Computing (C-DAC). A renowned computer scientist, Bhatkar is the man behind the country's first super computer 'Param'. Bhatkar, throughout his career has endeavoured to make IT accessible to common man. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. June 2001: 157]

Bhatnagar, Manish (Major)

Major Manish Bhatnagar's sentence of dismissal from service, awarded by a General Court Martial in July 2001, has been confirmed by the convening authority. The confirmation, received from Headquarters 14 Corps, Leh, was conveyed to him at N-Area on October 16, 2001. He had been placed under close arrest since yesterday afternoon.

Major Bhatnagar of 5 Para had been found guilty of violating good order and military discipline during Operation Vijay in the Kargil sector in 1999. He had, however, been acquitted of the more serious charge of disobeying lawful command while on active service.

The first charge, under Section 41 of the Army Act, stated that on June 15, 1999, Major Bhatnagar, while performing the duties of company commander, when ordered by Commander 80 Brigade, Brig. Devinder Singh, to attack Point 5203, showed unwillingness to perform the said task by stating, "my company, including myself, is unfit for an attack operations and can at best undertake occupation of a defensive position," or words to that effect.

The second charge under Section 63, said that when ordered by the Brigade Commander to attack Point 5203, "improperly" stated that he and his company were unfit for attack and could only undertake defensive operations. He had been convicted on this charge. [Major Bhatnagar's dismissal confirmed. *Tribune*. October 17, 2001:6]

Bhattacharjea, Ajit

Ajit Bhattacharjea is succeeded by Mammen Mathew, the newly elected president of Editors Guild of India. Mathew is editor of Malayala Manorama.

Bhattacharjee, Bisweswar

Dr. Bisweswar Bhattacharjee on April 3, 2001 took over as the new Director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) in Mumbai. He succeeds Dr. Anil Kakodkar who was holding the dual charge of the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and the BARC Director. Dr. Bisweswar Bhattacharjee, the first Project Director of the Rare Materials Project, was the brain behind country's special materials project (classified) at Ratnahalli in Mysore. [Bhattacharjee is BARC new Chief. *Tribune*. April 4, 2001: 8]

Bhonsle, Asha

Playback singer Asha Bhonsle has been selected for the Dada Saheb Phalke award for the year 2000. The award carries a cash prize of Rs.2 lakh, a shawl and a "swarna kamal". The award was instituted in 1969 to commemorate the outstanding contribution of the late Dada Saheb Phalke to the Indian film industry. President K.R. Narayanan will give away the prestigious award later this year.

Born on September 8, 1935, Bhonsle was initiated into music by her father Dinanath Mangeshkar. Having sung her first song for a Marathi film in 1944, she celebrated her 57th year in the entertainment industry this year.

Bhonsle has the unique distinction of having sung nearly 12,000 songs practically in every Indian language. The versatility of her voice and talent have been acknowledged through a host of awards conferred on her, including the National award twice and the prestigious Filmfare award eight times. [Phalke Award for Asha Bhonsle. *Tribune.* October 19, 2001: 1]

Singing legends like Lata Mangeshkar and Asha Bhonsle are not born everyday. Strangely, when they do, they come as contemporaries. It is gratifying to learn that Asha Bhonsle has also won the prestigious Dada Saheb Phalke Award, which was conferred on the elder sister a few years ago. The siblings have thus joined an exclusive club of 31 eminent personalities who have won this higher honour of the film industry. Lata may be ahead in talent, but Asha has dazzled with her sheer versatility. More than 12,000 songs that she has rendered in almost all Indian languages range from light classical to raunchy numbers to Indipop. Decades have gone by but her voice has remained as young and naughty as when she sang her firs Marathi song in 1944. Music directors ranging from O.P. Nayyar to A.R. Rahman have turned to her for stressing the youthfulness of their heroines. She carries her years so lightly that it is difficult to realise that the lilting voice behind the curtain to which current heart-throbs like Urmila Matondkar lip-sync is that of 67 year old. In a TV interview to seek her views on Asha winning the award, Lata Mangeshkar described her as "Mast Ram' for her carefree attitude. That was just a sisterly banter. How proud she felt on her kid-sister's big day could be read in her eyes. But there was a tinge of regret in brother Hridayanath Mageshkar's remark that while lesser singers had got high national awards, Asha had not even got a Padma Shri. But then, that is how the establishment functions. In any case, she has won the National Award twice and the prestigious Filmfare Award as many as eight times.

The most outstanding feature of her 57 years in entertainment industry has been her keeping up with the times. Her style of singing never got dated in this long, long period. Rather, maturity brought a new lilt, a new freshness to her voice. Nor did she ever shy away from experimenting. At a time when most singers were lamenting the advent of remix versions, Asha coolly realized that the trend could not be wished away and instead of watching other do shoddy cover versions of her immortal songs, she herself started packaging them with a new beat. That helped today's generation to rediscover her. Even otherwise, the songs she does manage to sing occasionally are enough to swell her huge fan following. The first Indian vocalist to receive a Grammy award nomination has reacted in a gracious, underplayed way to her selection for the Phalke award. Had it come earlier, she said, it might have made her complacent. At this age and stage, it will prod her to do even better. Amen to that! [Evergreen Asha. *Tribune*. October 20, 2001: 10]

Dada Saheb Phalke awardee and eminent singer Asha Bhonsle receives the Dayawati Modi award for her invaluable contribution in promoting Indian art, culture and education. Asha gets a silver shield, a scroll of honour and Rs.2.5 lakh. The award will be presented to her on November 17, the birth anniversary of Dayawati Modi, in whose memory the award had been instituted, Mr. Satish K. Modi, president of Dayawati Modi Foundation for Art, Culture and Education said here on Friday. [Dayawati Modi Award for Asha. *Tribune*. October 27, 2001: 8]

Civil Aviation Minister Shah Nawaz Hussain presented the Award to the famous singer at a function in Delhi on November 17, 2001. He lauded the role of Asha in promoting Indian music, art, culture and related education. [Dayawati Modi Award for Asha. *Tribune*. November 18, 2001: 1]

Bhullar, Daljit Singh

Daljit Singh Bhullar, the former Additional Director General of Police of Punjab was awarded life imprisonment on August 3, 2001 by the District and Session Judge S.N. Aggarwal of Patiala in a case of brutal murder and bruising of the bodies of the victims. It was triple murder case of non-resident Indian, Dr. Paramjit Singh Sahota, and two others committed in September 1996. Dr. Sahota was a business partner of Bhullar's son. Three others who were also awarded the life imprisonment in this case were Agyapal Singh, Lakhwinder Singh and ASI Krishan Kumar. Along with Dr. Sahota, his brother Satnam Singh and car driver Vikram Chand were murdered.

- Life term for Bhullar. *Tribune*. August 4, 2001: 1.
- Life term for ADGP Bhullar, three others. *Times of India*. August 4, 2001: 1.

Bhumitra, Arun

Arun Bhumitra, an NRI and a mechanical engineering graduate of the Nagpur University was named as a trustee of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation by U.S. President Bill Clinton.

Bhumitra is founder and CEO of Arjay Telecom. He is a member of a number of boards and committees, including the International Trade Administration for the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Tax Advisory Committee for the State of California.

Bhumitra is an MBA from the Dowling College in New York (USA). [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. January 2001: 143]

Bhupathi, Mahesh

French Open Champions Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi kept India's hope of making it to the world group alive winning the crucial doubles against Wimbledon winners Don Johnson and Jared Palmer in the Davis Cup relegation tie against the USA on October 14 at Winston-Salem (North Carolina). [Paes-Bhupathi keeps hopes alive. *Tribune*. October 15, 2001: 18]

Bikramjit Singh

Taking the stand against corruption, the Punjab State BJP has requested the Chief Minister, Prakash Singh Badal, to let the CBI prosecute Bikramjit Singh, Principal Secretary Home on charges of corruption and accumulating wealth disproportionate to known sources of his income. CBI has already sought permission of Union and Punjab governments for prosecuting Bikramjit Singh. [Allow CBI to prosecute Bikramjit: BJP. *Tribune*. August 19, 2001: 1]

Bindra, Abhinav

International shooter Abhinav Bindra shot 598/600 to set a new world record and bag the gold medal at the Luxemburg Open National Championship. He shot.104.2 points in final and a total of 702.2 points. The previous record of 701.2 was held by Harji Beckoff of Russia.

Abhinav has already won one silver and two gold in the European circuit with scores of 692.4, 697.1, 692.5 respectively. [Abhinav shoots new world mark. *Tribune*. January 22, 2001: 10]

The 18-year old Chandigarh shooter Abhinav Bindra will be felicitated by the Prime Minister, Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee, at a function to be organized at Ashok Hotel, New Delhi, on June 5.

The shooter had clinched 6 gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze medals in the recently held European Circuit Championship, where he was declared the "Overall Champion". He also lifted the RIAC-2001 Cup, NISSAN Cup and the Den-Haag Cup. [PM to honour Abhinav Bindra. *Tribune*. May 27, 2001: 22]

Ace shooter Abhinav Bindra set a new record with a score of 597 / 600 in Munich on June 10, 2001. He had equaled the world record in the World Cup in Munich last year scoring 596 / 600. [Abhinav Bindra's record. *Tribune*. June 11, 2001: 1]

Ace Indian rifle shooter Abhinav Bindra was nominated for Pride of Doon award. The ceremony was held on July 22, 2001 at Dehra Dun. Surjit Singh Barnala, Governor of Uttaranchal, conferred the award. [*Tribune*. July 19, 2001: 18]

Young Olympian shooter Abhinav Bindra of Chandigarh was selected for the Arjuna Award on August 2, 2001 as per the announcement of the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in New Delhi. [Arjuna Award for Milkha, Abhinav; Khel Ratna for Gopichand. *Tribune*. August 3, 2001: 1]

Olympian Abhinav Bindra at SAS Nagar (Mohali) on November 21, 2001 in air rifle event created new record in the 31 National Games. He helped Punjab to win second gold. [Abhinav, Samresh set new records. *Tribune*. November 22, 2001: 14]

Bindra, Inderjit Singh

Inderjit Singh Bindra, the Secretary-General of the Organising Committee of the National Games (OCNG), resumed his duties on November 9, 2001 after the Punjab Govt. decided to grant exemption to the Punjab Cricket Association from payment of any entertainment duty on tickets for the coming India-England Test-Match. He had left a meeting of the OCNG with regional committee in a huff on November 8, after a letter was delivered to him asking the PCA to collect 125 per cent entertainment duty on each ticket sold for the Test Match. [Bindra resumes duty as crisis blows over. *Tribune.* November 10, 2001: 23]

Bismillah Khan, Ustad

Janaki Bhatt writes about Ustad Bismillah Khan who has been awarded Bharat Ratna this year. Ustad Bismillah Khan was born on March 21, 1916. He belongs to the family of professional *Shehnai* players of Dumrao, the then princely state in Bihar. At the age of six, he moved to Benaras, where his maternal uncle, Ali Bux, introduced him to the nuances of playing the *Shehnai*. He practised in the temple of Balaji, in Mangala Maiya Mandir and on the bank of the Ganga. The solitude of temples and flowing waters of Ganga inspired him to invent and improvise the *raagas* which were previously considered outside the range and realm of the *Shehnai*.

At the age of 14 he was adjudged as the best performer at the All India Music Conference at Allahabad in 1930. In 1931 he was awarded a gold medal at a Music Festival in Lucknow. In 1937 he was awarded three gold medals at the Music Conference in Calcutta. On August 15, 1947 he was invited to play at Red Fort to mark the unfurling of the Tricolour for the first time. He has participated and performed in countless music functions and ceremonies, including the World in Montreal in 1967, the Cannes Art Festivals in 1969, the Osaka Trade Fair in 1970. In 1995, the World Music Institute celebrated his 80th birthday in New York.

Ustad Bismillah Khan has great attachment with Benaras, and though he had many offers from other places, he has not left this city. Also he does not like to compose for films. Except for *Goonj Uthi Shehnai* and *Sanadhi Apanna*, he has refrained from composing for films, many offers notwithstanding. [*Tribune.* June 23, 2001: Window 3]

Bitta, Maninderjit Singh

The former Youth Congress Chief M.S. Bitta on November 9, 2001 at Solan lashed out at Congress leaders, Khursheed Alam and Ghulam Nabi Azad, terming their tirade against POTO as 'political myopia'. Current scenario in states like Jammu and Kashmir, he said, warranted more draconian measures. [Cong. has political myopia: Bitta. *Tribune.* November 10, 2001: 6]

Boppanna, B.K. (Lt. Gen.)

Lt. Gen. B.K. Boppanna assumed charge as the Director-General of the National Cadet Corps in New Delhi on November 1, 2001. Commissioned into the 11th Gorkha Rifles in 1965, Gen. Boppanna has held several prestigious command and staff appointments. He is alumnus of the Defence Services Staff College, College of Defence Management and the National Defence College, New Delhi. [Boppanna NCC DG. *Tribune.* November 1, 2001: 6]

Brah, Avtar

Ms. Avtar Brah, Reader, Sociology in Birkbeck College, University of London has been conferred Member of British Empire for her contribution to studies on race, gender and ethnic identity issues. The honour was conferred on Ms. Avtar Brah by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II on December 30, 2000. [*Tribune.* January 1, 2001: 7]

Brar, Jagmeet Singh

M.P. Jagmeet Singh Brar says he has full faith in the leadership of Capt. Amarinder Singh, President PPCC and would work with him to strengthen and widen Congress party's base among the masses of Punjab. He also expressed his satisfaction with the newly constituted PPCC. Brar says that now it is the duty of every Congressman to oust the corrupt SAD-BJP Govt. of Punjab. Brar's statement on June 25, 2001 at Bathinda (Pb.) is a significant development towards unity among Congress leaders in Punjab. [Brar reposes faith in Amarinder. *Tribune.* June 26, 2001: 1]

Jagmeet Singh Brar, sitting Congress M.P., admitted that he had no objection if Capt. Amarinder Singh is made the Chief Minister of Punjab in the event of a Congress victory. He further said that as a loyal soldier of the Congress he would abide by the directives of the high command and work wholeheartedly for his party's election campaign. His views were that the tickets should only be given on merit basis to deserving candidates, who have a clean political life. [Brar: I won't cross Shambhu if high command tells me to. *Hindustan Times*. November 12, 2001: 1, 8]

Bukhari, Ahmed (Syed)

Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid, Syed Ahmed Bukhari, announced on March 20, 2001, his plan to float a new political party for Muslims, Dalits and Backward Hindus. He said that the new party would fight to realize the demands of Muslims as well as to uphold the country's secular character. [Shahi Imam to float party. *Tribune*. March 21, 2001: 8]

The slanderous utterances by the Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid, Syed Ahmed Bukhari, about cine star and Rajya Sabha MP, Shabana Azmi, during a weekend television show recently were indisputably in poor taste. The unflappable Shabana Azmi's fault was that she dared to ask the religious leader why he had not gone to Kandahar to carry forward the so-called 'jehad' when he had issued a fatwa to all Muslims. Responding to questions over the telephone, the Shahi Imam said he did not want to respond to someone who was a "Nachne Gane Wali Tawaif". The hostess of the programme implored the Shahi Imam to tender an unqualified apology but he refused to do so. Earlier, Shabana had questioned the Imam's authority to give a call for 'jehad' following the US attacks on Afghanistan saying his writ "did not run beyond the area where he lives" in the national Capital. She had suggested that the Shahi Imam be airdropped on Kandahar to wage his 'jehad'. [Imam's remarks go against Islam. *Tribune*. October 28, 2001: 8]

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Chadha, Win

Win Chadha, 78, died on October 24, 2001. Under *Winding Up*, the *India Today* summed up his career as: Sole claim to infamy: Bofors. The Indian agent for A.B. Bofors, the Swedish firm that provided howitzer guns to India in 1986, charge-sheeted in 1999 by the CBI for taking part of the Rs.61-crore kickbacks, died alone, away from his Dubai-based family. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 169]

Chahal, Rattan Singh

Rattan Singh Chahal, an HCS officer, and an accused in FIR of April 14, 2001 along with others for issuing new registration certificates to cars which were stolen ones was given bail by the additional district and sessions judge, Jhajjar on May 28, 2001. Haryana Govt. on August 20, 2001 moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court under Section 439 (2) read with 482 for cancellation of this bail. [Plea to cancel former SDM's bail. *Times of India*. August 21, 2001: 3]

Chandiram, Jai (Ms.)

Ms. Jai Chandiram, former Deputy Director-General of Doordarshan, has been elected in Berlin as President of the International Association of Women in Radio and Television (IAWRT). The first Asian to occupy this position, her term will be for two years, according to a statement from the IAWRT, which held its 29th meeting celebrating its 50th anniversary from May 7 to 11. [Jai Chandiram is IAWRT President. *Tribune*. May 15, 2001: 8]

Chandok, Karun

Asian Formula 2000 champion Karun Chandok became the first Indian to grab a podium finish at the Macau Grand Prix when he finished third after starting from seventh spot on the grid.

Ending his formula 2000 career on a glorious note, 17-year old Chandok clocked 25 mins. 57.668 secs. at the 48th edition of the event, behind favourites Philippe Descombes of France and Jim Kato of Hong Kong.

He will be driving in Formula 3 for Carlin motorsport on March 31 at Brands Hatch.

Descombes won the 10 lap race, timing 25 min. 29.110 secs. Kato was 7.274 seconds behind the leader at 25 min 36.384, while Chandok was 28.558 secs behind the winner. [Chandok grabs third spot. *Times of India*. November 19, 2001: 13]

Chandra Shekhar

The former Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar and his Bhondsi ashram in Gurgaon is the subject-matter of the editorial: **VVIP squatters** in the *Tribune* of July 26, 2001. Bhondsi ashram came into existence in 1983, and it expanded considerably after Chandra Shekhar became PM for a few months in 1990. Today it is ten times its original size. It is the prime property whose total value runs into hundreds of crores of rupees. His possession consists of hundreds of acres of forest land and that of BSF land. The Supreme Court has not only sought a compliance report by the end of the month, but has also passed instructions so that there is no attempt to cut the trees on the land. Chandra Shekhar is not the only VIP who sits cosily over public property. There are hundreds – if not thousands – of his like who also do so with impunity. They think that the VIP tag means they are above the law. And an extra V before the abbreviation is further guarantee that laws meant for ordinary mortal do not apply to them. They are guilty of a serious crime against the public of course, but equally guilty are the government and other official agencies that look the other way when the VVIPs commit such gross irregularities.

VVIP squatters. *Tribune*. July 26, 2001: 8.

Singh, Ravi S. Shekhar cool to SC order. *Tribune*. July 26, 2001: 1, 16.

Chandrasekharan, Rajiv

An Indian-American correspondent with the *Washington Post*, Rajiv has been asked to leave Pakistan for "security reasons". It is as per the policy of Pakistan of denying visas not only to Indian journalists, but also foreign journalists of Indian origin. In previous instances, journalists Satinder Bindra from CNN, Moni Basu from Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and Raja Mishra from Boston Globe were reported to have had visas refused. The matter attracted the attention of the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) and it wrote a letter to Pakistan military ruler Pervez Musharraf: This restrictive policy has seriously impeded the Indian Press, as well as international media companies including the BBC which has a large South Asia bureau based in Delhi." [Indian-American reporter told to leave Pakistan. *Times of India.* December 6, 2001: 8]

Channi, Charanjit Singh

Punjab Chief Secretary N.K. Arora was honoured at Jalandhar on November 18, 2001 by an alleged infamous land-grabber of Jalandhar, Charanjit Singh Channi, who is facing a number of charges in different cases pertaining to the development of 'illegal' colonies in and around the city. Channi as chairman of the CT Education Society invited Arora and others to be honoured. ['Land-grabber' honours CS. *Tribune.* November 19, 2001: 1]

Chatterjee, Jagrat

Jagrat Chatterjee, a 19-year-old Lucknow boy has made a 25″ x 15″ calendar that allows one to find the day of a month 4,27,000 years from now at a glance. Jagrat's feat follows his earlier calendars of 1000 years and 10,000 years. He is now aiming for a calendar of 10 lakh years and an entry into the Guinness Book of World Records. [Lucknow lad aims at Guinness Book. *Tribune.* April 14, 2001: 10]

Chatterjee, Tarun

In a major political development that is likely to have its impact on national politics, the 35-member BJP Legislature party in Chhatisgarh split on December 20, 2001 at Raipur under the leadership of mayor, Tarun Chatterjee. The split was dramatic but not surprising as the dissident MLAs were preparing to leave the party for the last couple of months.

This split is being termed as a major stroke by Chief Minister Ajit Jogi, who said: "We caused the split just on the eve of the UP elections". He also said that these MLAs will shortly join the Congress party.

- BJP splits in Chhatisgarh; 12 MLAs to support Jogi. *Times of India.* December 21, 2001: 1.
- Chhatisgarh BJP splits; 12 MLAs form new party. *Tribune.* December 21, 2001: 8.

Chaturvedi, V.K.

V.K. Chaturvedi has been elected as the Chairman of the Governing Council of the Tokyo-based Centre of World Association of Nuclear Operators. He is the CMD of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited. The NGO is a representative body of all the 438 nuclear reactors operating in the world.

Chaudhary, Sanjeev

Sanjeev Chaudhary, an Indo-Canadian, was appointed to advise Foreign Affairs Minister John Manley on his native country. [Indian advisor for Canadian FM. *Tribune.* July 20, 2001: 9]

Chaudhary, Satveer

Satveer is a second generation Indian who is successfully into politics in the USA. He is the Chairman, State Transportation Committee of the Minnesota State. Satveer Chaudhary, 31, is the youngest member of the Minnesota Senate and the highest ranking non-resident Indian holding elected office in the USA. First he became a legislator (MLA) and soon got into the Senate both on Democratic ticket and after effortlessly humbling his rivals in both the primary and open contests. An alumni of Minnesota University in political science and law, Satveer originally belongs to prominent Jat family of Kasimpur Kedi, Haryana. His parents had migrated to the USA in 1966. In the USA, right from university days Satveer was involved with public activities like social 'concerns' and South Africa 'concerns'. He had organized anti-CIA protests. Later he had an internship in Senator Kennedy's office. He had also worked on a couple of political and electoral campaigns in Minnesota. In 1996 he jumped into an election fray for the state legislature but failed. A year later he won with a huge majority. Then he got into the state Senate. [Rohtak boy sets eyes on White House. *Tribune*. February 10, 2001: 1]

Chautala, Abhey

Abhey Chautala, Haryana MLA and President of the Haryana Olympic Association has been made Chairman of Devi Lal Trust. He is the younger son of Haryana Chief Minister, Om Prakash Chautala. The Trust is to collect donations from individuals and institutions to give shape to the various recommendations made by the Devi Lal Memorial Committee. [*Tribune*. June 19, 2001: 12]

Chautala, Ajay

Ajay Chautala, MP and son of Haryana Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala was elected President of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation (CTTF) for two years at the biennial general body meeting of CTTF in New Delhi on April 18, 2001. He is the first Indian to hold the post. He succeeds Mr. Alan Kansome of Britain. Since 1987, he has been continuing as the President of the Haryana Table Tennis Association and was subsequently elected president of the Table Tennis Federation of India. [Ajay Chautala is Chief of CTTF. *Tribune*. April 19, 2001: 16]

Chautala, Om Prakash

Despite opposition from Haryana CM and INLD leader Om Prakash Chautala, RLD leader Ajit Singh has been given the Agriculture portfolio.

- Ajit in Cabinet, gets Agriculture. *Tribune*. July 23, 2001: 1.
- Chautala and his Chhoti cabinet. *Times of India*. August 10, 2001: 4.

Chawla, Deepak

An eyewitness, Deepak Chawla, who runs a departmental store inside the premises of Ambassador Hotel, from where the two alleged Pakistani nationals were picked up by the intelligence and Delhi Police Special Cell, said in New Delhi on December 14, 2001 that during the last two days, one of the two made visits to his shop to make ISD calls to Canada and Pakistan.

He said, a short man 5.7', fair and tough-built, clad in a blue sweater with thin white stripes, made a call on Wednesday morning and again on Thursday. This man told his taxi-driver to sleep till 2 pm, as he was to leave for the airport at 2.30 pm. The officials immediately gave a wireless message to the airport. [Shopkeeper provided vital clues. *Tribune.* December 15, 2001: 1]

Chaya Devi

Chaya Devi, romantic heroine of yerteryears, who later turned to character roles with great success, passed away in Kolkata on April 26, 2001. She was 80. She was honoured with the President's Award for her role in Tapan Sinha's 'Apon Jan'. [Bengali actress Chaya Devi dead. *Tribune.* April 27, 2001: 8]

Chhibber, B.K.N. (Lt. Gen. Retd.)

Chief Minister of Punjab, Parkash Singh Badal criticized Lt. Gen. B.K. N. Chhibber (Retd.), the former Governor of Punjab for joining the Congress Party. He termed the former governor's joining politics as unethical. [Badal criticizes Chhibber's entry into politics. *Times of India.* December 21, 2001: 4]

Chidambaram, P.

Tamil Manila Congress leader and former Finance Minister of India, P. Chidambaram was expelled from the TMC on April 15, 2001 for having shared the platform with the DMK and exhorting people to defeat the AIADMK alliance in the May 10, 2001 assembly poll. Chidambaram had earlier criticized his party's decision for having electoral pact with AIADMK without any pre-condition. He had openly said that AIADMK supremo Jayalalitha would not be able to provide a 'good and corruption free' government. [TMC expels Chidambaram. *Tribune.* April 16, 2001: 8]

Chidambaram, R. (Dr.)

Dr. R. Chidambaram has been appointed as the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Govt. of India in place of Dr. A P.J. Abdul Kalam. Dr. Abdul Kalam has resigned in an apparent bid to pursue further academic interests. Dr. R. Chidambaram is the former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. [*Tribune*. November 11, 2001: 8]

Chohan, Jagjit Singh (Dr.)

Mr. Justice V.K. Jhanji of the Punjab & Haryana High Court on May 29, 2001 directed the Union of India to issue travel documents to the petitioner, Dr. Jagjit Singh Chohan, for enabling him to return to India. The return to one's own country is the Fundamental Right conferred on a citizen under Article 21 of the Constitution and this right cannot be taken away, observed the Judge. [Issue travel papers to Chohan: HC, *Tribune* May 30, 2001: 1]

Dr. Jagjit Singh Chohan has been handed over travel documents in the evening of June 21, 2001 to enable him to visit India.

Indian Government in 1981 had cancelled the passport of Dr. Jagjit Singh Chohan in view of his alleged anti-national activities as the founder of Council of Khalistan. Dr. Chohan has been striving for the restoration of his passport to come back to India and has been fighting a legal battle for this for the past more than two decades. It was only on May 29 that on his writ petition the Punjab and Haryana High Court directed the Indian Government to provide necessary travel documents to him within one month to enable him to visit India. [*Tribune.* June 23, 2001: 1]

Dr. Jagjit Chohan, top Khalistan ideologue, arrived in New Delhi on June 26, 2001 night.

Dr. Chohan, a medical graduate, was first elected to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha from Tanda as a candidate of the Republican Party of India in 1967 and became a Deputy Speaker. During the Chief Ministership of Lachchman Singh, Dr. Chohan became Finance Minister of Punjab. In 1969, he lost the Assembly election, and in 1970 he moved to U.K. In 1977, at a public rally at Tanda he raised the demand for Khalistan. At that time too Prakash Singh Badal was the Punjab Chief Minister. He floated Akali Dal (Revolutionary) party and installed radio transmission in Golden Temple while in India. When Congress Party came to power in 1980, he ran to England. It is said that Dr. Chohan was the first who had mustered support for Sant Jarnail Singh Bhinderwale from Pakistan. During the 1971 Indo-Pak war, Dr. Chohan was shown on Pakistan Television receiving keys of Gurudwara Nankana Sahib from the then military ruler. After the electoral rout of Congress at Centre in 1977, Dr. Chohan returned to India. In 1980 he returned to England and there he spearheaded the Khalistani propaganda after becoming the Chairman of the National Council of Khalistan (NCK). There were cases of sedition against Dr. Chohan when he pronounced Khalistan, issued its currency, issued passports, and regularly published literature in support of his self-styled kingdom in exile!

As Chairman of the NCK, he had Balbir Singh Sandhu, now camping in Pakistan, as the General Secretary of NCK. Dr. Chohan is considered as the political godfather of Wassan Singh Zaffarwal, self-styled Chief of Khalistan Commando Force. It is said that Dr. Chohan had sent his nephew, Iqbal Singh to facilitate the smooth return of Zaffarwal. BJP MLA, Laxmi Kanta Chawla, has strongly criticized the entry of Dr. Chohan to India.

- Dhaliwal, Sarbjit. Chohan arriving. *Tribune*. June 27, 2001: 1.
- Chohan files fresh plea for anticipatory bail. *Tribune*. June 27, 2001: 4.
- Punjab caught on sticky wicket: Government in fix over Chohan's arrival. *Tribune*. June 28, 2001: 1.
- Wahi, Varinder. Chohan mustered support for Bhinderwale. *Tribune*. June 28, 2001: 3.
- Dr. Chohan's bail plea again dismissed. *Tribune*. June 28, 2001: 4.

The Court of the Judicial Magistrate, Mewa Singh on August 6, 2001 issued arrest warrants against Dr. Jagjit Singh Chohan, the self-styled President of Khalistan, for September 22, 2001. Advocate Jagmohan Singh Saini had filed a petition against Dr. Chohan, leveling charges of treason and creating hatred among the two communities.

The advocate of Dr. Chohan, Ranjan Lakhanpal said he would contest these arrest warrants in Punjab and Haryana High Court. [Warrants against Chauhan. *Times of India*. August 7, 2001: 1]

Jagjit Singh Chohan, Sikh separatist leader, moved the Patiala Court on August 8, 2001 seeking cancellation of arrest warrant against him. He further added that allegations of treason and creating communal hatred against him were totally false. [Chauhan moves court. *Times of India*. August 9, 2001: 1]

Dr. Jagjit Singh Chohan, President of the newly formed Khalsa Raj Party advocated that the Indian Constitution should be amended to incorporate the right to self-determination for all states. He said this at Jalandhar on November 19 and added that though the right to self-determination to part with the Union of India was allowed to those states which had been annexed by India after Independence, but the same was withdrawn in 1956. [Chohan for amending Constitution. *Tribune*. November 20, 2001: 3]

Choksi, Arvind

Arvind Choksi, a bullion trader of Ahmedabad, lodged a complaint against the Classic Cooperative Bank for having cheated him of Rs.12 crore. CBI team from Bombay visited SBI's overseas branch to check their record, and raided the premises of two bullion traders, including Arvind Choksi, seizing Rs.Five crore worth of goldbars. Choksi's son was taken for interrogation. [CBI looks at SBI records, raids two bullion traders. *Times of India*. March 31, 2001: 10]

Chopra, Priyanka

Priyanka Chopra from Bareilly (U.P.) was crowned Miss World 2000 at the 50th Miss World beauty pageant in London on November 30, 2000. She was already the Femina Miss India (World).

The 18-year old Priyanka has beaten 95 other contestants form all over the world to bag the $100,000 prize. Priyanka Chopra is the daughter of a retired Lt. Colonel of the Indian Army. She was born at Jamshedpur where she spent four years of her childhood. Miss Chopra is the fifth Indian to win the Miss World title. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. January 2001: 43]

Choudhary, Virendra

Gujarat's Virendra Choudhary emerged the winner in the Katha category of the fourth all-India Karate Championship organized at the Nehru Stadium in Indore on December 3, 2001. The tournament was jointly organized by Amateur Karate Federation of India and Shotokan Karate Academy. [Virendra emerges Karate champion. *Times of India*. December 4, 2001: 13]

Chowdhury, Bula

Bula Chowdhury, India's ace swimmer, finished third in the Sri Chinmoy International Marathon Swimming Competition in Switzerland on July 30, 2001. She completed 26.4 km. distance in seven hours 38 minutes.

Chowdhury, who created a world women's record by swimming the Strait of Gibraltar in the shortest time last year, finished third behind Czech and New Zealand competitors. [Bula comes third in marathon. *Times of India*. July 31, 2001: 15]

Contractor, Behram

Behram Contractor, the editor of the *Afternoon Despatch & Courier*, a Mumbai-based afternoon daily died in Mumbai following lung failure. He was 70. Better known as Busybee, he wrote the immensely popular daily column *Round and About* from 1966 till April 7, 2001. He was a recipient of the Padma Shri. PM Atal Behari Vajpayee says, "His chronicles of the ever changing ways of Mumbai will continue to inspire". [*India Today*. April 23, 2001: 17]

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Dahiya, Sri Bhagwan (Dr.)

Dr. Sri Bhagwan Dahiya, Professor of Economics at the M.D. University, Rohtak has been awarded visiting professorship at the University of Paris by the French Government. [Dhaiya visiting Prof. at Paris University. *Tribune*. June 10, 2001:6]

Dahya, S.S.

BSF Commandant Mr. S. S. Dahya from Rohtak district of Haryana, laid down his life along with six BSF jawans, when their vehicle was smashed in an IED blast near Sangaldan area of Gool in Udhampur district on September 8, 2001. Mr. Dahya had played a key role in flushing out militants from the area and the terrorists had kept him on the top of their hit list. [*Tribune*. September 9, 2001: 1]

Dalal, Hiten

Tainted stockbroker, Hiten Dalal, whose conviction in Rs.78 crore Standard Chartered Bank fraud case was recently upheld by the Supreme Court on August 8, 2001 surrendered before a special court in Mumbai. He was taken into custody immediately.

Dalmiya, Jagmohan

Jagmohan Dalmiya (Bengal) former Chief, International Cricket Council and former Secretary, BCCI, was elected President of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) defeating Mr. A.C. Muthiah (Tamil Nadu), the incumbent President, in a close contest (17-13) at the 72nd Annual General Body of the Board in Chennai on September 29, 2001. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. November 2001: 170]

Mike Denness, the 61-year old former England cricket captain created history by suspending Sehwag from one match, punishing Sachin Tendulkar for ball-tampering and four other Indian cricketers for appealing in ungentlemanly fashion. Jagmohan Dalmiya did not take this lying down and tilted at the ICC, and threatened that India would withdraw from South Africa, England. Like all adept batsmen, Dalmiya is a master of timing. He used the public outrage against Mike Denness' punishment of Sachin Tendulkar for ball tampering to drap himself in the national flag. He took on the old fogeys at Lord's, practically split world cricket into two, threatened to walk out of a promised fourth Test in England next Summer.

In 2000, hemmed in by television rights scandals, the match fixing drama, he gave up his job as International Cricket Council President in less than pleasant circumstances. With even the Government against him, his innings seemed well and truly over. On June 29, 2001 Dalmiya executed "Operation Comeback". He outsmarted incumbent A.C. Muthiah and once more became president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India. Muthiah was beaten on home turf, Chennai. [Jagmohan Dalmiya; Second innings. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 74]

Damani, Madan Gopal

M.G. Damani, 64, a former president of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), died of heart attack on July 25, 2001. Damani was the President of BSE for two consecutive terms in 1996-97 and 1997-98. He had also been the Director of the Bombay Stock Exchange for two consecutive terms of three years each during 1993-96 and 1996-99. He was the founder Chairman and Managing Director of Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL). He was credited with the computerization of the 120-year old BSE, the spread of BOLT (BSE on Line Trading) system and promoting CDSL among others. It was during his tenure that the BSE switched on to a completely automated on-line electronic trading system. [*Economic Times*. July 27, 2001: 3]

Damle, Prashant

Marathi actor Prashant Damle sets a new record on January 18, 2001 by performing in five continuous shows of Marathi plays one after the other in a single day in Pune at Balgandharva Rangmandir. Prashant already has five different records to his credit. He created a record by acting in

6247 plays in 202 months. [Marathi actor sets new record. *Tribune*. January 20, 2001: 8]

Damodaran, Melovithi

Melovithi Damodaran, a 1972 batch IAS officer is the 9th Chariman of UTI. He is also the first bureaucrat chief of UTI. UTI is insulated from Government, by an Act of Parliament. UTI is a 37-year old financial institution. Mr. Damodran, is an officer of the Manipur-Tripura cadre. He became the Chief Secretary of the Tripura in 1992 at the age of 45, the youngest IAS officer till then to head the bureaucracy of the state. In the 80s he became the deputy secretary in the Textiles Ministry. Before joining as the Chairman of UTI, he was working with RBI, as the Chief of Vigilance in the Department of Banking Supervisions.

Dang, Satyapal

Satya Pal Dang, veteran CPI leader resigned on August 14, 2001 from the Amritsar District Legal Services Authority, saying that it had not held a seminar for legal redressal since its inception in September 2000. [Dang quits legal services authority. *Tribune*. August 15, 2001: 5]

Dangi, Anand Singh

The Special Judge, Mr. Shiva Sharma, today rejected the bail application of former Revenue Minister and Congress leader Anand Singh Dangi who is facing charges under Sections 218, 406, 409, 418, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the IPC and Section 13(1)(D) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Rejecting the bail application, the Special Judge said: "Deprivation of liberty by deciding to enlarge an accused on bail is not for punitive purpose but to meet the bifocal ends of justice to the persons aggrieved and the society affected".

Mr. Dangi had sought bail on the ground that he was innocent and had been implicated in the case with the aid of Section 120-B, IPC, as he was the Revenue Minister during the period concerned. He said he had no role in the allotment in question and the allottees were in fact entitled to the land as earlier a cut had been imposed on their claims. [Dangi's bail petition rejected. *Tribune*. May 15, 2001: 1, 18]

Dangi, however, was released on bail in December, 2001. [Dangi released on bail. *Tribune*. December 15, 2001: 4]

Dara Singh

The main accused in the killing of Australian missionary Graham Stewart Staines, Dara Singh has been acquitted by a local court of Baripada in a case related to the looting of cows and burning of a truck. The acquittal was done on March 22, 2001 for want of evidence. [Dara acquitted in truck burning case. *Tribune*. March 23, 2001: 10]

Dara Singh, accused in the Graham Staines murder case, along with 11 other undertrials went on indefinite fast in the special jail in Bhubaneswar on August 20, 2001, demanding special treatment to an ailing prisoner. [Dara on fast. *Times of India*. August 21, 2001: 1]

Dasgupta, Sailen

Sailen Dasgupta, West Bengal Left Front Chairman and CPI (M) Politburo member died after a brief illness. He was 81. He was a member of the Communist Party of India since 1939. Dasgupta was closely associated with the peasants' movement besides being an active member of the Anusilan Samiti, a revolutionary organization in the pre-independence period. He was jailed in 1936 for his participating in the freedom movement. [*India Today*. July 23, 2001: 13]

Dasmunshi, Priyaranjan

CBI had registered a case on August 24 after Priyaranjan Dasmunshi read out the contents of the letter in the Lok Sabha on August 23 which was confirmed to be a "fake" after thorough investigation by both CBI and the Central Forensic and Scientific Laboratory. The letter was purportedly written by the Cabinet Secretary to the Prime Minister's office opposing Air India disinvestments. CBI is likely to seek Lok Sabha Speaker Mr. G.M.C. Balayogi's permission to question Mr. Priyaranjan Dasmunshi. [*Hindustan Times*. September 10, 2001: 13]

Deo, Sudhansu Narain Singh

Padma Shri Sudhansu Narain Singh Deo, 74, an exponent of Chhou dance died at his Sarikella residence in Jharkhand on July 20, 2001. He was awarded the Sangeet Natak Academy award in 1963 and for his efforts to popularize the Chhou dance he was bestowed with the Padma Shri award in 1991. [Chhou dance exponent dead. *Tribune*. July 24, 2001: 8]

Deol, Sunny

Sunny Deol's film *Gadar – Ek Prem Katha*, the unabashedly jingoistic film was typical of son-of-the-soil histrionics. Partition era rekindled the feelings of patriotism in audiences; it also attracted protests form Muslim groups. Shabana Azmi said: "*Gadar* reinforces the canard that every Muslim is a Pakistani. It mixes issues of identity and nationality". Despite two national awards, critics continued to rip apart Deol's histrionic abilities. *Gadar* amply displayed that when it comes to action, Deol is the guy to beat. [Simmering star. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 88]

Deshpande, Nirmala

Noted Gandhian Nirmala Deshpande on February 8 termed as mischievous the bomb theory of Babri mosque demolition attributed to her and accused the then Uttar Pradesh Government of being hand-in-glove with the kar sevaks in pulling down the disputed structure in Ayodhya.

Deposing before the Liberhan Ayodhya Commission, Ms. Deshpande said statements attributed to her by a section of press and a witness were mischievous.

Quoting Ms. Deshpande, RSS chief K.S. Sudershan had said that bomb might have been used for demolition of the structure. Ms. Deshpande had later denied this saying that she had never talked about any bomb being used to demolish the structure.

Ms. Deshpande said she did not hear any explosion at the time when dome of the mosque fell. The mosque did not fall from the top but seemed to fall on its side from the base. She said police and administration looked as if they were in league with the organizers. [*Tribune*. February 8, 2001: 8]

D'Souza, Jasmine

Jasmine D'Souza of Mumbai, a 25 year old model and graphic designer wins Mrs. India title, on November 24, 2001 in Mumbai. She defeated 18 other finalists to win Mrs. India title, the most prestigious pageant among married Indian women. She was crowned by Mrs. World 2001, Aditi Gowitrikar. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. January, 2002: 160]

Deve Gowda, H.D.

Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda commenced his 5-day padyatra from Vitalenahalle in protest against the alleged atrocities being committed against the farming community by the Krishna Government of Congress in Karnataka. Gowda is the President of Janta Dal (Secular). [Gowda begins padyatra. *Tribune*. October 29, 2001: 15]

Devender Singh

Deputy Commissioner of Karnal, Devender Singh, was on December 28, 2001 given first prize for raising the maximum funds for the welfare of the hearing impaired. The honour of first prize was given by the Governor of Haryana, Babu Parmanand. Babu Parmanand, the President of the Haryana Welfare Society for Hearing and Speech Handicapped, presented the prize while participating in the annual general body meeting and the meeting of the executive committee of the society in Chandigarh on December 28, 2001. [Recognition for Karnal DC. *Tribune*. December 29, 2001: 14]

Devi Lal

Former Deputy Prime Minister and former Chief Minister of Haryana, Devi Lal (86) passed away of cardiac arrest at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi, on April 6, 2001. Devi Lal was admitted to the hospital on March 29, 2001. Haryana Government declared a seven day mourning. All official functions were cancelled. His cremation took place on April 7, 2001 at "Kisan Ghat" on the banks of the Yamuna. "Kisan Ghat" is the Samadhi of another towering leader of the farmers, Charan Singh, former Prime Minister. [Devi Lal dead. *Tribune*. April 7, 2001: 1]

Devi Lal, the veteran freedom fighter and Kisan leader, passed away after a protracted illness at the age of 86 in Apollo Hospital, Delhi on April 6, 2001. He was a former Deputy Prime Minister of India under Prime Ministers V.P. Singh and Chandra Shekhar and twice Chief

Minister of Haryana. He was the father of Om Prakash Chauthala, the present CM of Haryana. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. May 2001: 152]

Devi Lal, 86, died on April 6, 2001. Under *Holi Tau* heading the *India Today* writes: Deputy Prime Minister was the plummest post that Haryana's Tau could wrangle in a lifetime of politics though he helped cement two coalitions at the Centre – in 1977 during the Janata Party rule and in 1989 with the National Front. A wily farmer-politician, Devi Lal was also the state chief minister twice from 1977-1979 and again from 1987-1989. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 170]

- Devi Lal cremated. *Tribune*. April 8, 2001: 1.
- Tau's offsprings bury hatchet. *Tribune*. April 8, 2001: 4.
- Devi Lal was a social revolutionary. *Tribune*. April 8, 2001: 8.
- 3-day mourning in Punjab. *Tribune*. April 8, 2001: 8.
- Chaudhary Devi Lal – 'an uncut gemstone'. *Tribune*. April 8, 2001: 12.
- Different facets of Ch. Devi Lal over various years. A cartoonist's view *Tribune*. April 8, 2001: 8.
- Tearful adieu to 'messiah' of farmers. *Tribune*. April 8, 2001: 24.
- He touched them personally. *Tribune*. April 8, 2001: 24.
- Cabinet mourns Tau's death. *Tribune*. April 8, 2001: 24.
- Devi Lal's ashes to be sent all over the country. *Tribune*. April 9, 2001: 4.
- Tributes paid to Devi Lal. *Tribune*. April 9, 2001: 7.
- Editorial: Tau Devi Lal. *Tribune*. April 9, 2001: 10.
- KU to name Sirsa centre after Devi Lal. *Tribune*. April 11, 2001: 7.
- Two helicopters to scatter ashes of Devi Lal. *Tribune*. April 16, 2001: 4.
- Memorial to Devi Lal announced. *Tribune*. April 18, 2001: 20.

Devyani

Devyani Rana, supposedly is the root cause behind Crown-Prince of Nepal Dipendra's mindless act of violence in killing his father King Birendra, mother Queen Aishwarya and other members of his family on May 31, 2001. Whereas Dipendra wanted to marry Devyani, his parents (some say his mother) and his grandmother were against it. He was asked on that fateful evening to choose between Devyani and the future crown. Heated exchange, it is said, followed and the Prince left for his room. He, after sometime, in army uniform with Uzi rifle and a pistol charged into the dining room and shot down everyone. The King and all in the immediate line of succession to him succumbed to the injuries immediately, or in the next couple of days.

Born in 1972, Devyani studied in Mayo College, Ajmer and Lady Shriram College, Delhi where she completed her graduation in 1993. She later did her masters in Political Science from Kathmandu and is currently pursuing her doctorate.

Devyani is the younger of Usharaje Scindia and Pashupati Shumsher Jang Bahadur Rana's two daughters. She is grand daughter of late Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia and niece of former Congress leader late Madhavrao Scindia.

Devyani reportedly met crown prince Dipendra in London a decade ago and their romance blossomed over the years. Her family was keen to see her married into the Nepalese royal family, but wanted to ensure that prince's mother too agreed to the match.

Two hours after the incident, Devyani boarded a flight to Delhi. And two days later, to escape the media's glare, she left for her sister Urvashi's home in Moscow. [Devyani keeping a low profile. *Tribune.* June 10, 2001: 13]

Pooja Kothari writes in defence of Devyani under Trial by media: *The tragedy of Devyani Rana.* In brief she says: Devyani is hunted like a game by the media; every detail relating to her is lapped up; this is gross invasion of her privacy; and the injustice is all the more because she never sought publicity. [*Times of India.* June 22, 2001: 10]

Devyani Rana has never visited Doon Valley during the past six years. Reports of her presence in the Madhyant Farm House at Kandoli village, 15 km from Dehradun, are baseless. [Devyani did not visit Dehradun. *Tribune.* June 26, 2001: 8]

Dhall, Vinod Kumar

Vinod Kumar Dhall has been appointed as the new FIPB Chairman. He was earlier Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) of M.P.

Dharam Singh

The veteran hockey Olympian Dharam Singh Gill died at PGIMER in Chandigarh on December 5, 2001. He was 82. India has lost one of the finest exponents of the game whose heroics in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics are now part of the country's sporting history.

Dharam Singh suffered brain haemorrhage after a fall in his bathroom on December 1 and was admitted to the PGI where his condition remained critical.

Born on January 19, 1919 at Gandiwind in Amritsar district, Dharam had passion for hockey. As a school student at Sarhali, the young Dharam Singh played a key role in his school team's triumph in the prestigious Divali Trophy for three years. In 1941, Dharam Singh joined Khalsa College Amritsar and later represented Punjab University. Finally he made his debut in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, and his role in the gold-medal victory was significant. In 1961, he joined Punjab Sports Deptt. from where he retired in 1978 as Senior Coach.

Till his end, Dharam Singh remained actively involved in hockey affairs. He was also associated with Rock Rovers Hockey Club, Chandigarh since 1959 and it was under his able guidance that Chandigarh produced a large number of internationals. [Olympian Dharam Singh dead. *Tribune*. December 6, 2001: 16]

Dhawan, Prem

Prem Dhawan, 78, is no more. Renowned lyricist who wrote for over 300 films, his compositions include *Ae mere pyare watan* and *Mera rang de basanti chola*. Awarded Padma Shri in 1970. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 174]

Dicksheet, Sharad Kumar (Dr.)

Four-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee, US-based Dr. Sharad Kumar has been awarded the $100,000 Kellogg's Hannah Neil World of Children Prize for providing free and corrective plastic surgery to about 57000 children in India.

- Indian awarded. *Times of India*. December 12, 2000: 1.
- Indian doctor gets Kellogg's award. *Tribune*. December 12, 2001: 7.

Didar Singh (Col.)

Col. Didar Singh, a retired army officer from Signals, is launching on the website on August 2, 2001 a unique electronic book containing signal veteran's tales authored by signalmen in India, Pakistan and the Royal Corps of Signals. The website is backed by authentic photographs, anecdotes, documents and sketches. [E-book on tales of signalmen. *Tribune.* August 2, 2001: 3]

Doman, Herb

Herb Doman is the richest Sikh and lumber tycoon of Vancouver, Canada. His is the rags to riches story of an enterprising immigrant form Punjab. Herb Doman's father Doman Singh came to Canada from Paldi village near Hoshiarpur in Punjab in 1905. Doman Singh passed away in 1949 leaving behind his wife, three sons and two daughters. Herb Doman was the eldest. He dropped out of school to support his family at a young age of 12. In those days he used to earn about 10 cents. During the course of time he shifted through many businesses. His Doman Industries Limited was incorporated in 1955. At that time its business included contract hauling of lumber and copper ore and selling lumber and fuel. With time his business expanded. By the year 2000 his Doman Industries Limited had an annual turnover of about one billion dollars. With about 5000 employees on their rolls, Doman Industries Ltd. is also one of the biggest employers in British Columbia. The company manages 2.5 million acres of forestland. *What is the secret of his success*? "Good business ethics. Look after the dignity of your employees. People are your greatest asset. Give them respect and support, they will break their back for you. I have always been very nice to my workers. Business in Canada is people's business". [From 10 cents to $1 billion. *Times of India.* February 11, 2001: 5]

Doug, Roshan

Roshan Dough, the 37-year old British Indian of Jalandhar born parents has started a campaign to be considered as a future Poet Laureate of England, a 10-year appointment which is a gift of the British Monarch that comes with modest annual stipend of £5,000 and 150 bottles of Sherry. Roshan Doug is an acclaimed Birmingham poet and is presently on the teaching staff of Dudley College of Further Education. He is the first Asian ever to be chosen Poet Laureate of Birmingham city. [Punjabi aims to be top UK poet. *Tribune.* April 4, 2001: 11]

Dravid, Rahul

Indian vice-captain of cricket team, Rahul Dravid, said on May 30 that he was far from being perfect and was constantly evaluating his performances and bringing changes in his techniques. He is one of the select few with a Test batting average of over 50. [I'm not a complete player, says Dravid. *Tribune*. May 31, 2001: 16]

Duggal, S.K.

S.K. Duggal, Member Irrigation, Bhakra-Beas Management Board (BBMB) took over as BBMB Chairman on August 1, 2001.

An engineer form the Haryana Irrigation Dept., Mr. Duggal has served as Chief Engineer of BBMB and has been the member irrigation of BBMB since 2000. [Duggal takes over as BBMB Chief. *Tribune*. Agusut 2, 2001: 3]

Dutt, Sanjay

Designated TADA Judge P.D. Kode on February 2, 2001 permitted film star Sanjay Dutt to visit London for four days in connection with the shooting for the film "*Ajeeb Prem Kahani*". This follows an application moved by defence advocate Farhana Shah that the presence of Sanjay Dutt was required in London between February 8-12, 2001 for the shooting. While granting permission Mr. Kode cautioned Sanjay Dutt against contacting other absconding accused in the case during his stay in London as also against tempering with the evidence against him. [Sanjay Dutt allowed to go to London. *Tribune*. February 3, 2001: 8]

Central Bureau of Investigation has implicated all the 123 accused, including film star Sanjay Dutt (son of Nargis and Sunil Dutt), in the conspiracy leading to the serial explosions in Mumbai on March 12, 1993 in which more than 200 people were killed. Along with others, he has been accused of participating in the conspiracy to commit terrorist acts in India at the behest of Dawood Ibrahim, Tiger Mamon and other absconding accused.

- Sanjay Dutt, 123 others charged. *Times of India*. November 3, 2001: 8.
- Sanjay Dutt. *Tribune*. November 3, 2001: 20.

Dwivedi, Devendra

Devendra Dwivedi, who had left the Congress in 1999 with Sharad Pawar and PA Sangma, along with another opposition leader, RK Anand of the JMM, joined the Congress on October 26, 2001.

Dwivedi was the AICC general secretary during PV Narasimha Rao's premiership and had quit the party in a blaze of controversy, objecting to party president Sonia Gandhi's foreign origin.

Dwivedi was all-humality on rejoining the party, saying it was a mistake on his part to have raised the issue and that he regretted having done so. While admitting that it was also a "mistake and error of judgment" he committed having joined the Sharad Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party. Dwivedi said the issue of Sonia's foreign origin was a "dead issue". He also explained that he had dissociated himself from the controversy and had tried to persuade the NCP to give the demand up but with little success.

"The issue is un-Indian and unconstitutional," he said and accused his former colleagues of indulging in "politics of vendetta' against Sonia Gandhi.

Dwivedi said his was a decision of "home-coming", and not following Pawar's re-entry into the Congress. [Dwivedi rejoins Congress after a stint with NCP. *Times of India.* October 27, 2001:8]

Dwivedi, Kavita

Noted Odissi exponent Kavita Dwivedi will be honoured for her outstanding contribution in enriching and popularizing classical Indian dance. Ms. Dwivedi would be presented Nitya Praveena Indrani Rehman Memorial Award for 2001 for her innovative style. The award would be given by Patipawan Kala Niketan – a non-profit cultural organization at a function in New Delhi on November 20, 2001. [*Hindu.* November 20, 2001: 3]

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Farooq, Omar (Mirwaiz)

The Indian government has allowed the former All-Party Hurriyat Conference Chairman Mirwaiz Omar Farooq to attend a meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) being held at Mali from June 25, 2001. [Mirwaiz to attend OIC meeting. *Tribune.* June 25, 2001: 1]

Fathima Beevi, Meera Sahib (Justice)

Justice Fathima Beevi, the first woman Judge of the Supreme Court of India and the first Muslim woman in the world to hold such a high office in an Apex Court, resigned as the Governor of Tamil Nadu amidst controversy for failure to protect the Constitution in the wake of ruthless and undignified conduct of Tamil Nadu police to arrest the former DMK Chief Minister, M. Karunanidhi and two Union Cabinet Ministers, Murasoli Maran and T.R. Baalu.

She remained the Governor of Tamil Nadu from January 25, 1997 to July 1, 2001. Earlier she had served as the Member of Income Tax Tribunal and Judge of Kerala High Court. She has also been a member of the National Human Rights Commission. [Persons in News. *Competition Success Review*. August 2001: 167]

Fernandes, George

Bowing to the mounting pressure from all quarters within and outside the government, Defence Minister George Fernandes tendered his resignation from Vajpayee Cabinet on March 15, 2001 in the wake of tehelka episode. Trinamul leader Mamta Banerjee had threatened to withdraw her party's support to the BJP-led NDA if George was not made to go.

- PM drops a liability, Fernandes made to go. *Times of India*. March 16, 2001: 1.
- Parliament turmoil continues. *Times of India*. March 16, 2001: 1.

Samata Party treasurer R.K. Jain, while talking to tehelka people brought the relationship of George Fernandes and Jaya Jaitley in the public eye. In the tehelka tapes he referred to her as George's second wife. This is how Jain described them according to tehelka, "Jaya Jaitley is the second wife but not officially married to George Fernandes. She is President of the party also. So there are two defence ministers. One is George Fernandes another is Jaya Jaitley." [Private lives go public. *The Sunday Times of India*. March 25, 2001: 17]

Describing Punjab as sword arm of the country, Defence Minister George Fernandes indicated at Amritsar on November 13, 2001 that the third defence university of the world would be set up in Punjab state after Maharaja Ranjit Singh. USA and China already have such universities. [Defence varsity to be set up in Punjab. *Tribune*. November 14, 2001: 1]

Launching a blistering attack in the Lok Sabha on November 20, 2001 on Prime Minister Vajpayee for reinducting George Fernandes as Defence Minister despite the Tehelka probe continuing, an agitated opposition sought an immediate explanation from the PM and demanded removal of the Minister.

Turning the heat on the PM, angry members from the Congress, Left parties, the Samajwadi Party and the RJD and former PM Chandra Shekhar alleged that by giving a clean chit to Fernandes, Vajpayee had sought to influence the outcome of the Venkataswami Commission, inquiring into the Tehelka expose.

"The PM owes an explanation to members as he is accountable to Parliament," Congress chief whip Priya Ranjan Dasmunshi demanded while raising the issue during Zero Hour. Protesting over the silence of the Government, these members staged a noisy walkout.

Countering the opposition charge, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pramod Mahajan, shortly after the walkout, rejected the demand for an explanation by the PM and removal of Fernandes. "Fernandes is totally innocent," Mahajan said contending that the Commission has not till now leveled any charge directly or indirectly against him.

CPM leader Somnath Chatterjee said Fernandes was reinducted at a time when a summon had been issued to him by the Commission to appear before it. Stating that Fernandes was under judicial scrutiny, Chatterjee asked how could the PM say that there was no evidence against him.

In Rajya Sabha, External Affairs Minister Jaswant Singh introduced Fernandes to members on Tuesday amidst cries of "shame, shame" from the opposition MPs. Raising the matter during question hour, Congress member Suresh Pachauri sought Chairman Krishan Kant's intervention in the matter saying the appointment of Fernandes as Defence Minister could affect the progress of the probe. Dismissing Pachauri's claim, Kant said Union Ministers are appointed by the President on the advice of the PM.

- Fernandes' ouster sought. *Times of India*. November 21, 2001: 10.
- Walkout over George's return. *Tribune*. November 21, 2001: 8.

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Gadgil, V.N.

V.N. Gadgil, 71, former Union Minister and senior Congress leader, is now no more. He represented Pune in the Lok Sabha, handled various Union Ministries and held important party posts under Indira Gandhi and then Rajiv Gandhi.

Gandhi, Maneka

Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Maneka Gandhi has been chosen for Aadi Shakti Puraskar for the year 2001 by the Dina Nath Mangeshkar Pratishthan. The Award is being given in recognition of Ms. Gandhi's remarkable contribution in the field of environment and animal welfare. The Award is given every year to a woman who has made an extraordinary mark in a special field. [Award for Maneka. *Tribune.* March 23, 2001: 10]

Maneka Gandhi, Minister of State of Social Justice and Empowerment has been selected for the Woman of the Year Award 2001, by the Chennai-based International Women's Association (IWA) for her contribution to the protection and conservation of environment. The award carried a citation and two cheques – one from a former IWA President, Mr. Nirmal Mirza, to People for Animals, an animal welfare organization founded by Ms. Gandhi, and the other given by members of the IWA. [Woman of the Year Award for Maneka. *Tribune.* April 14, 2001: 10]

As Culture Minister Maneka Gandhi swore to sweep her Ministry clean of corruption and vested interests. It brought her in direct confrontation with Sonia Gandhi. Maneka Gandhi, in this, was divested of the Culture Portfolio, and was given charge of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. She answers some relevant questions on this. Her views were: "When there is a great deal wrong with the ministry which one has inherited, I think, it is one's duty to ensure that the wrong doings are set right. That is what I set out to do." [Culture shock. *Times of India*. November 21, 2001: 14]

We have a Prime Minister who can take back so many tainted ministers. He can also reshuffle the ministers in an equally whimsical manner," party spokesman S. Jaipal Reddy said while refuting the charge that the Leader of Opposition and Congress President Sonia Gandhi was responsible for the change of Ministry of Maneka Gandhi. [Sonia hand denied in Maneka shuffle. *Tribune*. November 21, 2001: 8]

Gandhi, Sonia

Congress President and Leader of Opposition, Sonia Gandhi, asserted in New York on June 26, 2001: Jammu and Kashmir including Ladakh is inextricably woven into the fabric of India's pluralistic heritage and the Constitution has sufficient in-built flexibility to accommodate the legitimate democratic aspirations of Indians living in the valley. She was speaking at the joint meeting of the Asia Society and the Council of Foreign Relations. She asked Pakistan to stop cross-border terrorism and vigorously curb the forces of religious fundamentalism and obscurantism. Sonia Gandhi expressed support for the upcoming summit meeting between PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf. [J&K integral part of India: Sonia. *Tribune*. June 28, 2001:9]

Sonia Gandhi, who is on a four-day visit to U.S, will address the U.N. General Assembly's special session on HIV / AIDS. [Sonia to address U.N. Session. *Tribune*. June 26, 2001: 9]

The Prime Minister's decision to remove Ms. Maneka Gandhi from the Culture Ministry came a day after she went on air criticizing the functioning of various organizations in which Mrs. Sonia Gandhi is associated and which came under the purview of the Culture Ministry. It is construed in political circles as an effort by P.M. Vajpayee to placate Congress President Sonia Gandhi whose party's support will be crucial for the government to carry through the ambitious legislative business it has set for itself in the session.

- Culture of placating Sonia. *Tribune*. November 20, 2001: 1.
- Congress denies charges. *Times of India*. November 22, 2001: 6.

Ganesan, Sivaji

Sivaji Ganesan, 74, a Dada Saheb Phalke awardee died at the Apollo Hospital in Chennai on July 21, 2001 due to heart ailment. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and two daughters. [Sivaji Ganesan dead. *Tribune.* July 22, 2001: 22]

Popularly known as *Ntikar Tilakam* (Star Among Stars), recipient of Padma Shri and the coveted Dada Saheb Phalke Award for 1996, Ganesan had acted in over 300 films starting with "*Parasakthi*" in 1952 whose fiery dialogues were penned by Mr. M. Karunanidhi, DMK President and former Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu. Another leader of Dravidian movement, EVR Periyar gave him the title of "Sivaji" in Tamil film. He emerged as one of the top actors of Tamil films along with late M.G. Ramachandra. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. September 2001: 170]

Under the heading *Dream Merchant*, the *India Today* writes about him: In Tamil Nadu, Sivaji Ganesan is not dead. Fifty years of celluloid hyperbole – fiery dialogues, animated gestures – 300 films spread over the entire south Indian cinematic scape and mass adulation have rendered him a demigod. He was bestowed the title "Sivaji" by Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy Naicker after his performance in 1950s play. A contemporary of the formidable MGR, who was way ahead of him in the power game, Ganesan's political career was reduced to a tenure in the Rajya Sabha. Conferred the Padma Bhushan in 1984 and the Dada Saheb Phalke Award in 1996. Champion of the potboiler will live on. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 174]

Ganguly, Saurav

Indian skipper Saurav Ganguly was literally crowned on 30.1.2001 by the umpires of CAB, an association of umpires in West Bengal. Ganguly, incidentally nicknamed 'Maharaj', received the stone-studded gold plated silver crown along with a shawl and his snap at a function in Kolkata. [Saurav Ganguly honoured. *Tribune.* January 31, 2001: 18]

The Sri Lankan police has been asked to give round the clock security to Indian skipper Saurav Ganguly, who is under a kidnap threat from Kashmiri separatists. [Security for Saurav Ganguly. *Tribune.* July 21, 2001: 17]

Match Referee Commie Smith slapped a one-match suspension on Indian skipper Saurav Ganguly for showing dissent after being given out by Umpire Gamini Silva on July 26, 2001 at Colombo in match against New Zealand. [Dissent sends Ganguly packing. *Time of India.* July 28, 2001: 1]

This is Ganguly's third suspension from an international match. He was banned for a game against Australia in the Southern city of Cochin in 1998, and a one-day game against Zimbabwe at Rajkot last year. [Ganguly to sit out; Laxman, Zaheer, Ashish Nehra nursing injuries. *Tribune.* July 28, 2001: 17]

Indian cricket captain Saurav Ganguly hit back at comments made by his Australian counterpart Steve Waugh. He said "Steve Waugh needs to shut up and concentrate on Australia". Waugh had said at Hobart, "If he's picked the seam, then he's got to pay the penalty like everyone else". Waugh was commenting on Sachin Tendulkar's suspended one-match ban for ball tampering against South Africa.

Garcha, Jagdish Singh

The All India Federation of University and College Teachers Organisations (AIFUCTO) on December 20, 2001 flayed the outbursts of the Punjab Technical Education Minister, Jagdish Singh Garcha against the University Grants Commission (UGC) at a function at Jalandhar on December 19, 2001. National secretary of AIFUCTO, V.K. Tiwari said that the minister's remarks against the UGC and its Chairman amounted to the negation and defamation of the 1956 Act of Parliament which created this body for the upliftment of higher education in the country. [AIFUCTO criticises Garcha's remarks. *Times of India.* December 21, 2001: 5]

Gaus, Iliyas

Iliyas Gaus, leader of the Students' Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) surrendered before court in Pune on April 10, 2001. He has been remanded in police custody till April 13, 2001 by the First class Judicial Magistrate, V.N. Satpute in Pune on April 11, 2001. He is the main accused in March 2001 communal violence in Pune. He was wanted by the police for making inflammatory speeches during the Friday prayers on March 10, 2001 at a mosque in the Ghorpada Peth area and for distributing pamphlets.

- SIMI leader remanded. *Tribune*. April 13, 2001: 8.
- SIMI leader's custody extended. *Tribune*. April 16, 2001: 8.

Geelani, Abdul Rehman (Syed)

Geelani, a Delhi University Lecturer of Arabic in the Zakir Hussain College and resident of Mukherjee Nagar in Delhi was arrested on December 15, 2001 for his involvement in the terrorist attack on the Parliament on December 13, 2001. He, provided vital clues to the investigating agencies regarding two more persons, Mohammad Afzal and Shaukat Hussain, who had been in direct touch with the five Pakistani terrorists who executed suicide attack on the Parliament. Mohammad Afzal was the main coordinator of Jaish-e-Mohammad in Delhi and a member of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF).

- DU lecturer was terror plan hub. *Times of India*. December 7, 2001: 1.
- ISI supervised Parliament attack. *Tribune*. December 17, 2001: 1.

Syed Rehman Geelani, a lecturer in Arabic Studies at Delhi's Zakir Hussain College, was another important link in the Parliament attack of December 13. He was recruited to motivate the five attackers to carry out their suicide mission. Geelani, 34, was arrested after investigators found that the terrorists had been in touch with him on their cell phones shortly before the attack. [The plot unravels. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 4]

George, Vincent

CBI has completed the major part of its investigations within the country in the case of Vincent George, an aide of Congress Chief Sonia Gandhi. George has claimed that all this money was gifted to him by his relatives and others. These gifts started coming in from June 1991.

Central Bureau of Investigation has registered a case on March 20, 2001 against Vincent George, Personal Secretary to Congress President Sonia Gandhi for possessing assets worth crores which were disproportionate to his known sources of income. George was also the Private Secretary to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi between 1984 to 1990. According to the FIR the allegations have been substantiated as per preliminary investigation.

- Case against Sonia's PS. *Tribune*. March 22, 2001: 1.
- CBI files case against V. George. *Times of India*. March 22, 2001: 1.
- CBI to question Vincent again. *Tribune*. March 23, 2001: 1

Ghai, Subhash

Renowned film-maker Subhash Ghai has been insured for a whopping Rs.18 crore as the proprietor of his cine company.

This has made him the largest sum assured policy holder of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), the Bollywood showman noted yesterday while accepting the policy of Rs.18 crore from the LIC Chairman, Mr. G.N. Bajpai in Mumbai on May 27. The insurance has been granted to Ghai as the "keyman" of his company, "Mukta Arts", and has been taken out under the "Jeevan Shree" plan of the LIC.

An LIC press note stated that the insurance taken out by a company on the life of a key person who was crucial for its efficient and profitable functioning. This indeminified the company against financial loss in the case of premature demise of the keyman, the press note explained. [Subhash Ghai insured for Rs.18 cr. *Tribune*. May 28, 2001: 10]

Ghalib, Asadullah Khan (Mirza)

Khushwant Singh writes about Mirza Ghalib under the title: *Footloose with Ghalib*. These are Singh's comment on the biography of Ghalib recently brought out by a Russian lady, Prof. Natallia Prigarina of the Oriental Institute of Moscow.

Ghalib was born in Agra on December 27, 1797. At the age of 13, he was married to Umrao Beghum, aged 12, distantly related to the ruling family of Loharu. At the age of 19 he shifted to Delhi. During his early life he was quite well off and he lived in style. He was tall and handsome youngman who loved women, wine and gambling. Of course he was a poet of unusual talents and was much sought after. Since Ghalib lived beyond his means he was in dire straits and fell heavily in debt. He spent three months in jail on the charge of gambling. When Ghalib was reduced to beggary, he undertook a long and tedius journey to Calcutta to plead with English rulers to restore his pension.

Ghalib loved India and its changing seasons, he loved every place he happened to visit. He was particularly enamoured by Benaras and its beautiful women.

Ghalib's last years were less stressed as he received monetary help from friends and the Nawab of Rampur. This notwithstanding, his health was deteriorating. His wife died in February 1868, and a year after Ghalib died on February 15, 1869.

Mirza Ghalib wrote extensively in Urdu and Persian. He is counted among the top-most Urdu poets and his Diwan-e-Ghalib remains a classic in Urdu literature [*Tribune*. June 23, 2001: Window 3]

Ghavri, Karsan

Karsan Ghavri, former Indian all-rounder cricketer has taken over as the coach of the Bengal team. 50-year former medium pacer has accepted the big challenge to coach Bengal cricketers. [Ghavri to coach. *Times of India*. August 2, 2001: 15]

Ghosh, Amitav

Indian author, Mr. Amitav Ghosh has bagged the $50,000 grand prize at the Frankfurt E-book Awards for his novel "The Glass Palace". The award has been instituted for the first time to recognise achievements in emerging E-book industry in the category of fiction. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. December 2001: 160]

Ghosh, Prodipto (Dr.)

Dr. Prodipto Ghosh, currently on deputation with Asian Development Bank, was attached as Additional Secretary in the PMO. It was done in the wake of the shifting of N.K. Singh, Secretary incharge of Economic Affairs in the PMO, to the Planning Commission as a member.

Gill, Manohar Singh (Dr.)

Dr. Manohar Singh Gill retired on June 13, 2001 as the Chief Election Commissioner. He has been with the Election Commission for eight years, first as Commissioner and later as its Chief. Persuasiveness and unanimity were the buzz words during his tenure when the Commission functioned as a well-knit cohesive body, absolutely neutral, and listening Commission. Dr. Gill shares his views on such topics as: technology as a tool for improving polling, photo identity cards, EVMs, criminalisation of politics, women's reservation, anti-defection law. The outgoing CEC sums up his philosophy: Individuals pass on, systems remain. [Satyanarayanan S. Individuals pass on, systems remain. *Tribune.* June 11, 2001: 11]

Dr. M.S. Gill has been elected an honorary fellow of the prestigious Queen's College of Cambridge in recognition of his "major" contributions to the strengthening of India's democratic system. Lord Eatwell, President of the College, founded in 1448, has written to Dr. M.S. Gill informing him that College governing body on November 7, 2001, unanimously elected him an honorary fellow taking "particular note of your major contributions to the strengthening of democratic institutions in India". [*Times of India.* November 17, 2001: 5]

Gill, Parminder Singh

Parminder Singh Gill of Samrala was appointed General Secretary of the legal cell of the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee by its President Capt. Amarinder Singh. [*Tribune.* October 19, 2001: 6]

Gill, R.S.

R.S. Gill, the father of the former Punjab Police Chief, K.P.S. Gill, died at the PGIMER, Chandigarh on August 9, 2001. He was 91. R.S. Gill had worked in the Bhakra Nangal and other hydropower related mega projects as an engineer. [Tribute paid to R.S. Gill. *Tribune.* August 19, 2001: 3]

Gill, Satwant Singh

Satwant Singh Gill, the owner of Gill estate and marriage palace was found murdered in his room at Kansal village near Chandigarh on August 17, 2001. It is said that Gill was involved in property disputes and had to make payments to people running into several lakhs. His marital life was also not very smooth.

- Farmhouse owner murdered in Kansal. *Times of India.* August 18, 2001: 1.
- Gill murder: The finger points at priest servant. *Times of India.* August 20, 2001: 4.

Gill, Surinder Singh

Mr. Surinder Singh Gill, currently India's Envoy in Bahrain has been appointed Ambassador to Mexico. The announcement to this effect was made in New Delhi on November 15, 2001. Mr. Gill is a 1968 batch Indian Foreign Service officer. He will replace Mr. G.S. Iyer. [Tribune. November 16, 2001: 14]

Giriraj Kishore

Giriraj Kishore, a noted Hindi author was conferred the Vyas Samman for 2000 for his book *Pehla Girmitiya*. The 900-page book based on Mahatma Gandhi's stay in South Africa was written over a period of eight years. Giriraj Kishore's well-known novels included *Jugalbandi. Chidiya Ghar and Dhai Ghar.*

Goel, Lalit

Lalit Goel has been awarded the Best Drugs Inspectors' Award for the year 2001 for Haryana State by the All India Drug Control Officers Confederation at an International Conference in Mumbai. [*Tribune*. November 14, 2001: 15]

Goenka, Sanjiv

Sanjiv Goenka, Vice-Chairman of RPG Enterprises, takes over as the new President of the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) on April 26, 2001. Goenka is a member of the Prime Minister's Council on Trade and Industry and is also on the Board of Governors of IIT, Kharagpur and of International Management Institute, New Delhi. Goenka (40) is the youngest President of the CII, and among other firsts to his credit, is that he was the youngest ever President of the Indian Chamber of Commerce in 1990-1991 and has also been past Chairman of the CII (Eastern Region) in 1994-95. [Goenka is new CII President. *Tribune*. April 27, 2001: 15]

Gogoi, Tarun

Mr. Tarun Gogoi, a senior Congress leader and Pradesh Congress Committee president, steered his party to a massive victory in Assam. He is to be the 16th Chief Minister of the State. On May 16, 2001 he was unanimously chosen as the leader of the Congress

Legislature Party. Mr. Gogoi (65), is five time Member of Parliament and former Union Minister. The swearing-in takes place on May 18, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. [Tarun Gogoi to be Assam CM. *Tribune*. May 17, 2001: 1]

Gopalan, M.

M. Gopalan retires as the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) on June 30, 2001. M. Kumaraswami takes over from him.

Gopalan, Susheela

Susheela Gopalan, wife of legendary Marxist leader and a former Kerala minister, A.K. Gopalan, died at the Regional Cancer Center in Thiruvananthapuram on December 9, 2001 after a prolonged illness. She was 72. She is survived by a daughter. She was a CPM central committee member and was elected to Lok Sabha twice from Alappuzha and Chirayinkil constituencies. [Susheela Gopalan passes away. *Tribune*. December 20, 2001: 1]

Gopichand, Pullela

Pullela Gopichand won the All England Open Badminton Championship at Birmingham on March 11, 2001, beating Chen Hong of China 15-12, 15-6 in less than an hour emulating the legendary Prakash Padukone who was the first Indian to win the Championship in 1980. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. April 2001: 148]

All-England champion Pullela Gopichand came up with another sterling performance and India stormed past Austria 5-0 in the Sudirman Cup team event of World Badminton Championships at Seville in Spain on May 29, 2001 to stay on course for a promotion to group Z in the next edition in 2003. [Gopi helps India blank Austria. *Tribune*. May 30, 2001: 16]

All-England badminton champion and sixth seed P. Gopichand crashed out of the Malaysian Open Badminton Championship. Gopichand lost 6-8, 3-7, 5-7 to unseeded Indonesian Rony Augustinus in the pre-quarter finals in Kaula Lumpur on July 19, 2001 night. [Gopi crashes out of Malaysian Open. *Tribune*. July 21, 2001: 17]

Gora, Saraswati

The G.D. Birla International Award 2000 was presented to the veteran freedom fighter and Gandhian Saraswati Gora on July 21, 2001 in New Delhi by the Vice-President Krishan Kant. [Gandhian gets Birla award. *Tribune*. July 22, 2001: 22]

Goswami, A.K.

A.K. Goswami, Chief Secretary of H.P. has been sent on deputation to the Centre as the Director-General of the National Productivity Council. [*Tribune*. July 29, 2001: 1]

Goswami, Indira

Noted Assamese writer, Indira Goswami, has been selected for the prestigious Jnanpith Award for her outstanding contribution to the enrichment of Indian literature through her creative writing. The award carries a cash of Rs.5 lakh, besides a citation, plaque and a bronze replica of Vagdevi.

- Indira Goswami gets Jnanpith Award. *Tribune*. July 29,2001: 1.
- Indira Goswami gets Jnanpith. *Times of India*. July 29, 2001: 1.

Govil, I.M. (Prof.)

Prof. I.M. Govil, Dept. of Physics, Panjab University, Chandigarh, was sanctioned Rs.51 lakh grant by the Dept. of Science & Technology to pursue research work on proton-induced X-ray spectrometry at the Variable Energy Cyclotron at Chandigarh. Major thrust of this project would be to bombard kidney stones with proton beams, analyse the signature of the chemical present and identify the trace elements present in the stones. [PU physicist to track kidney stone. *Times of India*. August 13, 2001: 4]

Gowri, K.R.

Ms. K.R. Gowri (83) has achieved the distinction of being the "grand dame" of the 11th Kerala Assembly. She was a member of the first EMS govt. in Kerala.

Gowri Amma, as she is affectionately called by her admirers in Aroor, has been in the electoral area since 1948. She has lost only twice – in 1948 during her maiden attempt and in 1977 in the election immediately after Emergency. She retained her Aroor seat this time trouncing her opponent, K.V. Devadas of CPM by over 12,000 votes.

A hardcore Marxist right from her college days, many had written off her political career when she was thrown out from CPM. But Gowri proved her opponents wrong by coming out triumphant in 1996 and 2001. [*Tribune*. May 15, 2001: 8]

Goyal, Tej Singh

Tej Singh Goyal, a resident of Mandi town of Himachal Pradesh, has been chosen by the Government of India for the National Innovation Foundation Award. Award, instituted this year by the Union Government to encourage technological innovations at the grassroot level, has four categories: national awards, state awards, students awards and consolation prizes.

Tej Singh Goyal (55) who has had education only up to the high school level, has been conferred the state award for his invention of thermo water lifting pump which can be used for lifting water in places where there is no electricity.

Goyal was given a cash reward of Rs.25,000 by Mr. K.C. Pant, Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, at the award giving ceremony in Delhi on November 30. Goyal has earlier got recognition for his work from the ICAR as well as the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. [Mandi resident gets national award. *Tribune*. December 4, 2001: 10]

Gujar, Jairamdas alias Ramji Maharaj

The 73 year old religious guru, Ramji Maharaj is the head of Ramsnehi Sect and has over a lakh followers in Jaipur. He has been arrested in connection with the murder of Sudhashamma – who was his staunch devotee. [*Tribune*. November 5, 2001: 1]

Gujral, Gurdip Singh

Gurdip Singh Gujral, a non-resident Indian entrepreneur and philanthropist, who has made a mark in garment business in UK, has been chosen for the "Asian of the Year Award 2001" in London.

Gujral, 66, who was made the Commander of the Order of British Empire (CBE) by the Queen in 1998, was presented with the award by Ian Duncan Smith, MP, leader of the Opposition and Chief of the Conservative Party on Thursday night.

The 14th edition of the *Asian Who's Who International*, edited by Jasbir Singh Sachar, was also released at the gala dinner, attended by leading Asians from all walks of life.

Deputy High Commissioner to the UK, Hardeep Singh Puri, said "Gujral through his entrepreneurship and philanthropic attitude has earned the respect and affection of the Indian community as a whole". [Indian is Asian of the year. *Times of India*. Oct. 27, 2001: 14]

Gulati, Sunil

Coming down heavily on the Haryana Govt. for protecting an IAS officer, Sunil Gulati, accused of misappropriating public funds while working as the Managing Director of Haryana Polysteel Ltd., Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed the State to take action against the officer indicted in an enquiry ordered into the allegations levelled by the workers' union. [Govt. protecting IAS officer. Take action, High Court tells Haryana. *Tribune*. May 31, 2001: 1]

Gupta, Abhinn Shyam

Abhinn Shyam Gupta, an ace Indian Badminton player, bagged the $10,000 French Open Championship title in Paris defeating China-born Xie Yang Chun of Germany (7-1, 7-3, 7-3) on March 18, 2001. He had earlier reached the quarter finals of French Open twice and along with P. Gopichand had helped India to win the Silver Medal at the Commonwealth Championship in 1998. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. May 2001: 152]

Gupta, Harsh

Harsh Gupta, the senior-most bureaucrat in the State, has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh State on July 28, 2001. He has replaced A.K. Goswami, who has been sent on deputation to the Centre as the Director-General of the National Productivity Council. Harsh Gupta is 58, and is 1969 batch IAS, and has been the Additional Chief Secretary since October 2000. He has wide administrative experience both at the Centre and State levels. He has already served in three Central Ministries – Steel and Mines, Defence Production, and Commerce. He was also the Executive Director of the India Trade Promotion Organisation. [Harsh Gupta is new HP Chief Secretary. *Tribune*. July 29, 2001: 1]

Gupta, Inderjit

Inderjit Gupta, 81, died on February 20, 2001. Under the heading *Aristocrat among Marxists, the India Today* writes about him: Born into a Bengali family of privilege and learning on March 18, 1919. Inderjit "Sonny" Gupta was the rare politician who thrived on principles. Like so many others, he became a communist at Cambridge, came home to become a working class hero. After his election to the Lok Sabha from West Bengal in 1960, he continued to be a member for decades, missing only in 1977-1980 period. He was the first communist to occupy the post of Union Home Minister – as part of the United Front Cabinet – in 1996. He died of cancer in Kolkata. The Lok Sabha lost its last statesman. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 164]

Indrajit Gupta, the veteran CPI leader died in Kolkata on February 20, 2001. He was the longest serving Parliamentarian who was elected to the Lok Sabha 11 times from West Bengal. He had been awarded the first Best Parliamentarian Award in 1992. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. April 2001: 148]

Gupta, Jagdish

Eminent Hindi literateur, critic and painter Jagdish Gupta died in Allahabad on May 26, 2001 morning in a nursing home following a heart attack. Dr. Gupta (76) had been suffering from heart and urinary problems for several years. He was recently admitted to a nursing home when his condition deteriorated. Founder of new Hindi poetry, the UP Government had honoured him with the Bharat Bharati Award while the Madhya Pradesh Government awarded him the Kali Das Award for his valuable services in the field of Hindi literature and paintings. He was also a recipient of the Sahitya Academy Award. He authored over 50 books. [Hindi Scholar Jagdish Gupta dead. *Tribune*. May 27, 2001: 10]

Gupta, Kalidas

Noted Urdu poet and author Kalidas Gupta died at the Escorts Hospital in New Delhi on March 21, 2001, hours before he was to receive Padma Shri Award from President K.R. Narayanan. Mumbai based, Jalandhar-born Gupta (75), who wrote about 20 books on prose and poetry, was considered one of the best known authorities in India and Pakistan on the great poet Ghalib. [Urdu poet dies before receiving Padma Shree. *Tribune*. March 23, 2001: 24]

Gupta, Ram Gopal

Veteran freedom fighter, Ram Gopal Gupta passed away in Sheopur on December 4, 2001. He was 90. Gupta participated actively in the freedom struggle from 1925 to 1942. He was also jailed several times. [Freedom fighter Gupta dead. *Tribune*. December 6, 2001: 8]

Gupta, Ramesh

The Dallas-based Ramesh Gupta, who is from Amritsar and who is founder-Chairman of the Indo-American Political and Economic Forum, is working for twinning Amritsar and Dallas. The twinning of two will raise the profile of Amritsar further. Gupta is hailed by successive Indian ambassadors for promoting India's business and political interests in US. He is now planning to set up two chairs of Indian studies in the University of Southern California at Berkeley. [Amritsar Ramesh Gupta sets himself a twinning task. *Times of India*. December 20, 2001: 6]

Gupta, S.C.

Mr. S.C. Gupta has taken over as Chairman and Managing Director of the Indian Overseas Bank, for five years with effect from May 1, 2001. [*Tribune*. May 15, 2001: 15]

Gupta, S.K. (Dr.)

Dr. S.K. Gupta, Vice-Chancellor of Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla is in a spot with teacher's association urging the Chancellor, Dr. Suraj Bhan, to order probe into his conduct. HPUTA submitted a memorandum to the Chancellor on August 2, 2001 demanding appropriate action against him. The allegation is that Dr. Gupta has misbehaved with many teachers. [HPUTA for action against VC. *Tribune*. August 3, 2001: 3]

Gupta, S.P.

S.P. Gupta, former Joint Director in the Public Relations Dept., Haryana, has been conferred the Haryana State Anubrata Committee Award for the year 2001, for his contribution to Hindi literature. Mr. Gupta has been engaged in the propagation and promotion of Hindi. He was Chairman of the Haryana Sahitya Academy, Chandigarh for a full term.

Gurdial Singh

Punjabi novelist Gurdial Singh and Hindi writer Nirmal Verma were on January 27, 2001 presented the 1999 Jnanpith Award for their outstanding contribution to the enrichment of Indian literature. Gurdial Singh has been recognized for "putting the dispossessed and deprived segments of society at the centre of his fictions. In his novels he sees his characters in the context of situations and heritage and dramatizes their inner strengths and crippling weaknesses, their dreams, desires and eccentricities. Gurdial Singh is the second Punjabi literary figure to receive the award after Amrita Pritam who was awarded the Jnanpith in 1981 for her work,"Kaghaz te Canvas".

Gurm, H.S. (Dr.)

The Punjab & Haryana High Court, on July 31, 2001 issued a notice to Dr. H.S. Gurm, Vice-Chancellor, Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar, for August 21 on a petition that seeks registration of a case against him for alleged sexual harassment. [Notice issued to PTU VC in sexual harassment case. *Times of India*. August 1, 2001: 1]

The Punjab Government has ordered an inquiry against the Vice-Chancellor of the Punjab Technical University (PTU), Dr. H.S. Gurm for various charges. The charges include harassment to certain employees, awarding contract for conducting of the post-graduate diploma course (PGDC) in e-commerce and software to a private company without following the norms, resulting in financial loss to the university, and some appointments without applications.

However, Dr. Gurm told that he had no information about any such inquiry. At the same time he denied all charges being levelled against him.

The three main charges include the harassment of certain employees, who had complained to the National Commission for Women and had submitted a copy to the MLA, Prof. Laxmi Kanta Chawla. Mrs. Chawla had taken up the matter with the Chief Minister, who ordered an inquiry at her instance. Dr. Gurm said it was unfortunate that he had to face such allegations. He claimed, "My status and dignity can be confirmed from anyone in the town", adding that such allegations could be easily made.

The second charge is that he had awarded a contract to Aptech for the PGDC without inviting tenders. Under the terms and conditions of the contract all infrastructure for running the course at five centres in Ludhiana only was to be provided by the PTU. The fee per candidate was fixed at Rs.20,000. Of this, the university would get 30 per cent, while Aptech would get 70 per cent. It had only to provide three faculty members for each of the five institutes. The objections raised included as to why only Ludhiana was chosen for the course and not other cities in the state. Besides, no tenders were invited.

However, Dr. Gurm said the process of awarding the contract had already been started before he took over. Although he was there when the MOU was signed, but the whole issue had already been finalized.

The third major charge is that he had made some appointments in the university without giving advertisements in newspapers and inviting applications. The Chairman of the Governing Body of the University on December 14 had written to the VC asking him to cancel these appointments as they were reported to be illegal. The appointments made were that of two directors and three deputy and assistant registrars.

Dr. Gurm said he did not want to comment on the letter as it was a confidential matter, but asserted that as a VC he had certain powers, which he had used. He pointed out that he had to run the university for which appointments had to be made. He claimed that since people were not available he did not think it necessary to issue advertisements and ask for applications. He asserted that all appointments were made only after verifying the eligibility criteria of the candidates. [Inquiry ordered against PTU VC. *Tribune*. January 8, 2001: 3]

Gurpreet Singh

Gurpreet Singh of Kharar (a town near Chandigarh) has won a Mercedes Benz car in a scheme of Raymond. Under the scheme launched in

October 2001, all customers who purchased articles worth more than Rs. 1,000 were issued coupons. The draws were taken out on November 28, 2001 in Mumbai and Gurpreet Singh was declared the lucky winner. Mr. Rajinder Bansal, the sales agent of the company for Punjab, said the documents had been handed over to Mr. Gurpreet Singh. [Kharar resident wins Mercedes. *Tribune*. November 29, 2001: 13]

Gursharan Singh

Gursharan Singh, a Sangrur-based senior badminton coach of the Punjab Sports Department, had done it. Yes, he has been nominated as one of the umpires for the World Badminton Championships to be held at Seville (Spain) from May 28 to June 10.

This rare honour has been conveyed to Gursharan Singh by Mr. Tostern Berg, Chairman, Court Officials Committee of the International Badminton Federation. [Gursharan to umpire WBC ties. *Tribune*. May 15, 2001: 16]

H

Habib Tanvir

Habib Tanvir, one of the country's finest stage directors, has been honoured with the Chaman Lal Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award. He founded Delhi's first professional theatre company, the Hindustani Theatre. He received the award "for his outstanding contribution for the theatre world". The award was presented by noted actress and MP. Shabana Azmi, in New Delhi on April 14. 2001. [Habib Tanvir gets Chaman Lal award. *Tribune.* April 16, 2001:8]

Hans, Hans Raj

Suraiya Khanam, a folk and Sufi singer from Pakistan, said that singers like Hans Raj Hans, who began with pure Sufi music, and later polluted their singing by compromising with pop culture should not be excused for the crime they have committed in the name of Sufi music. They failed to respect the priority of the poetry that was everlasting. She wanted Hans Raj Hans to get her message, for she thought, some good sense might prevail on him. [*Times of India.* June 23, 2001: Punjab Plus 1]

Decision of the Punjab Govt. to bestow the title of Rajgayak on Hans Raj Hans has come under criticism from the world famed vocalist Surinder Singh Bandhu. Surinder Singh said that popularity should not be made the yardstick for any person's contribution. Singh lamented that more deserving persons like Md. Baqir Husain Khan Sahib – the last survivor of Patiala Gharana - who is also the Guru of Puran Shahkoti, the Guru of Hans Raj Hans, have been ignored. [Rajgayak trivialized. *Times of India.* November 17, 2001: 4]

Noted singer Hans Raj Hans has been selected for the Aadharshila Award for his outstanding contribution in the field of music. The award will be conferred on Hans at the eighth Aadharshila Awards function to be held at FICCI auditorium, New Delhi, on December two.

The Vice-President Krishan Kant and Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Sushma Swarj are among the dignitaries expected to attend the function. Syed Shahanawaz Hussain, Union Minister for Civil Aviation, will preside over the award ceremony. Aadharshila has been in existence since 1982 and was started under the patronage of Dr. Harivansh Rai Bachchan.

Also, on November 30, the International Punjabi Cultural Centre will confer the Punjabi Gayaki da Taaj honour upon Hans at a function in Machchiwara. Recently, Parkash Singh Badal, Chief Minister, Punjab, conferred the Rajgayak title upon Hans at Amritsar. [Two more awards for Hans. *Times of India. Punjab Plus*. December 1, 2001: 3]

Hanumantha Rao, Moturu

M. Hanumantha Rao, 84, is no more. Last of the communists in Andhra Pradesh. An MLA, MLC and member of the Rajya Sabha, he also edited Telugu daily *Visalandhra.*

Politburo member of the CPM and veteran Marxist leader Moturu Hanumantha Rao died on June 18, 2001 at Vijayawada (A.P.) after a prolonged illness. He was 84 and is survived by his wife and two daughters. [*Tribune*. June 19, 2001: 18]

Harbhajan Singh

Harbhajan Singh created history in Test Cricket by his hat trick on the first day of the Kolkata Test match against Australia on March 11, 2001. At 20 plus he is the first Indian bowler to accomplish this feat. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. April 2001: 148]

Star bowler Harbhajan Singh dropped out of the team in the Bloemfontein Test against the South Africans for the most spectacular cricket affliction ever. He has borrowed a team mate's box and earned himself a groin infection. Rather than dance on the field, he decided to restrict himself to the dressing room. [*India Today*. November 19, 2001: 16]

December 3, 2001 was seen as Harbhajan Singh's day at the PCA stadium in Mohali during the opening day of the first Test match between India and England. The Punjab spinner bowling from the far end cast a spell on England batsmen as he snared them one after another to end with figures of 19.3-4-51-5. These fine wickets came off his 7.3 overs in which he gave only 6 runs. This is the fifth time that he has taken five or more wickets in a Test innings.

- England gets Turbanator treatment. *Times of India.* December 4, 2001: 13.
- We need to sort out, Harbhajan. *Times of India.* December 4, 2001: 13.
- Harbhajan casts spell. *Tribune.* December 4, 2001: 1, 14.

Harbhajan Singh, the boy called 'Bhajji' from Jalandhar took India's first ever Test hat-trick, 32 wickets from three Tests, and the man of the series award. After a traumatic year recovering from the sudden death of his father, he resolved to work on his bowling. This phase ended when Sourav Ganguly pushed hard for his selection against Aussies. Ever since Harbhajan, 20, has had to cope with the double burden of the Indian spinner: the expectations that he will be a match winner both at home and away. [Chosen one. *India Today.* December 31, 2001: 82]

Hardeep Kaur

Hardeep Kaur, 20, succeed in creating history in the sport of hammer throw by setting a record and winning a gold medal in the National Games held in Ludhiana on November 22, 2001. Hardeep Kaur took to hammer throw at the age of 18 in 1997 when she won a silver medal in the National Junior Athletics Championship held in Tamil Nadu by measuring a distance of 40 m. She again bagged a silver medal, by improving her performance to 45m. in the Under-22 National Junior Athletics Championship in 1998. In spite of her improving the throws, she got only silver medal till 2000. In October 2000 she however clinched the gold medal in the National Open Athletics Championship and set a new National Record of 58.95m. In October 2001 she set another national record of 58.31m in the National Open Athletics Championship held in Chennai. [Hard work, determination took her to the top. *Tribune.* November 23, 2001: 3 (*Ludhiana Tribune*)]

Hari Singh

Hari Singh accused of hijacking an Indian Airlines airbus in 1993 was sentenced to life imprisonment by a Delhi Court on August 6, 2001.

On March 23, 1993, the flight IC-439, on its way from New Delhi to Chennai via Hyderabad, was hijacked by Hari Singh near Bhopal.

Hari Singh, claiming to be a member of a terrorist group, had asked the pilot to take the plane either to Lahore or Islamabad. But because of the shortage of fuel, the plane had to land at Rajasansi airport. Later Hari Singh surrendered before K.P.S. Gill the then DGP Punjab. [Delhi Court gives life imprisonment to 1993 IA hijacker. *Times of India.* August 8, 2001: 3]

Harika, Dronavalli

Dronavalli Harika won India's lone medal in the World Youth Chess Festival winning a silver in girls under-12 event at Oropese, Spain. This was Harika's second big feat after winning the silver last year in world 4-10 championship at the same venue. [Harika puts India on medal table. *Tribune*. November 4, 2001: 18]

Harikrishna, Pentyala

Pentyala Harikrishna, the shy prodigy from Guntur (Andhra Pradesh), became youngest Indian Grand Master at the age of 15 on August 15, 2001, breaking the 14-year record of World Champion Viswanathan Anand by three years (Anand had become India's first GM at 18 in 1987). In 2000 also, he erased another record of Viswanathan when he became India's youngest International Master. He also became the youngest Indian to qualify for the FIDE World Championships.

Harikrishna first made news when he won the World Under 10 Championship in Menorca, Spain in 1998, the first world title for an Indian Chess player after Anand emerged at the World Junior Championship in 1987. A generous sponsorship from Wipro, the software giant, helped him to participate in overseas tournaments and to engage a coach like Evgeny Vladimorov, a former trainer of Garry Kasparov. Harikrishna also won the Commonwealth Chess Championship held in London on August 28, 2001 defeating Grandmaster Dimitri Anagnostopolous of Greece.

Harish Kumar

Harish Kumar, a Haryana cadre IPS officer of 1977 batch, has taken over as the Director of the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) in

New Delhi. Before taking over as Director, he was serving as Deputy Director of the NCRB. He is the recipient of the Indian Police Medal for meritorious service in 1994. [Harish Kumar NCRB Chief. *Tribune*. April 13, 2001: 8]

Haveri, Jayabai Sidlinga

Freedom fighter Jayabai passed away at her house in Kolhapur on January 15, 2001. She was 81. Jayabai Haveri had actively participated in 1942 Quit India Movement and was imprisoned for few years during the period. [Freedom fighter Jayabai dead. *Tribune*. January 17, 2001: 8]

Hazare, Anna

Anna Hazare, a social worker and anti-corruption crusader broke his maunvarat on August 12, 2001. [Hazare's maunvarat. *Times of India*. August 10, 2001: 1]

Hazarika, Bhupen

Noted music director and singer Bhupen Hazarika has been selected for the prestigious Lata Mangeshkar Award for 2000-2001 by the Madhya Pradesh Government. The award instituted in the name of melody queen Lata Mangeshkar in 1984 carries a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh and a citation. Announcement to this effect was made by Madhya Pradesh Cultural Department. [Lata award for Bhupen Hazarika. *Tribune*. January 6, 2001: 8]

Heptullah, Najma (Dr.)

Deputy Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha, Dr. Najma Heptullah pays an official goodwill visit to China from July 1, 2001. [Dr. Najma to visit China. *Tribune*. June 27, 2001: 9]

Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Najma Heptullah on December 3, 2001 directed the Government of India to change the word 'Mohammedan' in a Bill to be brought before Parliament. Ms. Heptullah said that the word 'Mohammedan' as was used before independence by the British, was discriminatory and had been replaced by the word 'Muslim'. [Najma: replace 'Mohammedan' with 'Muslim'. *Tribune*. December 4, 2001: 6]

Hussain, Maqbul Fida

Maqbul Fida Hussain's new found love for Kerala has resulted in his inducting a Malayalam character and Malayali song in his new movie, *Do Kadam Aur Sahi.* Renowned Malayalam poet and lyricist ONV Kurup will pen a number for the Hussain's film. [Hussain's film to have Malayali song, actor. *Times of India.* August 18, 2001: 6]

Hussain, Shaukat

Shaukat Hussain was an important link in the Parliament attack of December 13. A Delhi-based transporter who identified hideouts for the five militants in Delhi. After the attack, Hussain, 30, tried to escape to Pakistan with Mohammed Afzal in his truck but was arrested in Srinagar. [The plot unravels. *India Today.* December 31, 2001: 4]

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Inderjit (Dr.)

The Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) has selected Dr. Inderjit for the award of Outstanding Young Weed Scientist. This is the highest honour and recognition given by the WSSA for a weed scientist under 40 years of age. The award was presented to Dr. Inderjit at the Awards Banquet during Annual Meeting of the WSSA held in Greensboro, North Carolina, USA from February 11 to 14, 2001. Dr. Inderjit is the first non-American citizen to get his prestigious award. Dr. Inderjit is the Reader in the Department of Botany, Panjab University, Chandigarh. [Rare honour for PU scientist. *Tribune.* January 13, 2001: 3]

Iyer, Chokila (Ms.)

Ms. Chokila Iyer took charge as India's first woman Foreign Secretary on March 13, 2001. She succeeded Lalit Man Singh. She is a 1964 batch officer and was heading the Indian mission in Ireland before her new appointment. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review.* April 2001: 148]

Chokila Iyer, India's Foreign Secretary, firmly told her Pakistan counterpart, Inamul Haq, on August 10, 2001 in Colombo that Pakistan could choose the kind of relationship it would like to have with New Delhi, and rejected that Kashmir was a core issue or central to the normalization of ties between the two countries. She further told that cross border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir cannot be glorified as *jehad* or any kind of political movement.

J

Jadeja, Ajay

Ajay Jadeja fixed the match of his life by getting Jaya Jaitly's daughter Aditi to agree. He is now acting in the movies. [*India Today*. December 31, 2001: 182]

Jagdeva, Bharrat

Bharrat Jagdeva, an ethnic Indian, was sworn in as the President of Guyana on March 31, 2001. He won the election held on March 19, 2001 by securing 53.1 per cent votes against his rival and former President Desmond Hoyle who got only 41.7 per cent of votes. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. May 2001: 152]

Jagjit Singh

Jagjit Singh's *Different Strokes* contain short compositions compiled from live recordings based on ragas *Rageshwari, Darbari* and *Bhairvi. Apni garaj pakar*, for example is based on raga *Rageshwari,* a derivative of the Khammaj scale. Of the eight composition here six are based on ragini *Bhairvi* – supposedly the female aspect of raga Bhairvi. Both *Baju band khul khul jaye* and *Babul mora naihar chhoto jaye* are well-known thumries sung by several masters, from Faiyaz Khan to Bhimsen Joshi. Singh's attempt makes for interesting listening. [Ghazal Maestro's new tune. *India Today*. November 19, 2001: 23]

Jagtar Singh

DSP Jagtar Singh posted in CID at Fatehgarh Sahib has been ordered by the Punjab & Haryana High Court to be transferred to a far-off place instead of being kept in CID. The directions are to the DGP Punjab. This order was passed on a writ petition filed by Kamaljit Kaur of Mohali whose husband, Sukhdev Singh Sukha, was allegedly killed by police. [HC directs Punjab DGP to shift tainted DSP. *Times of India.* August 18, 2001: 1]

Jain, Dipak C.

Dipak C. Jain (43), Professor of Marketing at Chicago's J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management has been named Dean of this world famous institution. Kellogg is typically rated amongst America's top two management schools along with Wharton. Dipak replaces the legendary Donald Jacobs, who is giving up his position after 26 years at the helm. Dipak is to take over from July 1, 2001. He has been selected from amongst 120 candidates in an exhaustive national search with the help of the executive head hunting firm Spencer Stuart.

Jain had his early education in India's Northeast in the 1950s. He received his undergraduate and Masters degrees in statistics form Guwahati University and then earned his MS in operations research and a Ph.D. in marketing from the University of Texas at Dallas, before joining the Kellogg faculty in 1986. [Indian management mantra. *Times of India.* May 11, 2001: 13]

Jain, Naresh Kumar

Naresh Kumar Jain handed over a letter from Mr. K.C. Pant, Centre's chief negotiator to senior Kashmiri separatist leader and chief of the Democratic Freedom Party (DFP), Mr. Shabir Ahmad Shah. The letter was about holding talks with various Kashmiri groups for a peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue. Mr. Jain arrived in Srinagar on May 14 as emissary of Mr. K.C. Pant, to invite Mr. Shah to visit Delhi for holding discussions on the issue. [Jain hands over letter to Shabir. *Tribune.* May 16, 2001: 1]

Jaitley, Arun

Union Minister of Law and Company Affairs Arun Jaitely on June 24, 2001 at Shimla stressed the need for reducing the role of government in areas like manufacturing, service and infrastructure development where private sector could deliver better. He added that privatization increase efficiency and brought down prices. The government, according to him, should concentrate on good governance and play the role of a facilitator to boost the country's economy. Economic reforms, he said were opposed by both Opposition, bureaucracy and trade unions and the result is that China has outdone India by attracting foreign direct investment to the tune of $45 billion as against $1.8 billion of India. [Jaitley for greater private sector role. *Tribune.* June 25, 2001: 6]

Arun Jaitley, Union Minister for Law, Justice and Company Affairs was conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) at the 28th Annual Convocation of the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar on December 15, 2001. The honour was conferred on Jaitley by the State Governor Lt. Gen. J.F.R. Jacob (retd.) who is also the Chancellor of the University. Degree was conferred upon Jaitley for his contribution to the legal field and political service. [GND Varsity honours Arun Jaitley. *Tribune.* Dec. 16, 2001: 5]

Jaitley, Jaya

Jaya Jaitley, President of the Samata Party quit her party post on March 15, 2001 after having figured prominently in the *tehelka* tapes. At a press conference she alleged that she has been a victim of the conspiracy hatched to destablise the nation. She added that her party is contemplating filing a defamation suit against the conspirators. [Jaya Jaitley quits, may sue Tehelka. *Times of India.* March 16, 2001: 1]

It is pertinent to add that the Samata Party treasurer, R.K. Jain brought George Fernandes and Jaya Jaitley's relation in public. In the tehelka tapes, he referred to her as George's second wife. This is how Jain described them according to tehelka, "Jaya Jaitley is the second wife but not officially married to George Fernandes. She is President of the party also. So there are two defence ministers. One is George Fernandes another is Jaya Jaitley." [Private lives go public. *The Sunday Times of India.* March 25, 2001: 17]

Jamuna Devi

Deputy Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Jamuna Devi, was served with a legal notice asking her to tender an unconditional apology to noted social worker and leader of Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA), Medha Patkar. Jamuna Devi had allegedly called Ms. Patkar "a foreign stooge" and made derogatory remarks about the NBA. Jamuna Devi reportedly made the allegatory remarks against Medha Patkar and NBA in a press conference at Kopargaon in Maharashtra and these were published in the Marathi daily *Lokmat* on February 9, 2001. [Medha serves legal notices on MP Dy. CM. *Tribune.* April 15, 2001: 8]

Jaswant Singh

Indian Minister of External Affairs Jaswant Singh, on visit to New Zealand, after holding talks with New Zealand PM Helen Clark said at Wellington on June 25, 2001 that we discussed the recent developments in our neighbourhood and coming visit of Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf to India. He added that the process of talks was a continuation of what India had always subscribed to, a path of dialogue and reconciliation. [Kashmir talk path to peace. *Tribune*. June 26, 2001: 9]

Jauhari, B.P.

Noted educationist and former Vice-Chancellor of Agra University, died in Agra at his residence after a prolonged illness on November 12, 2001. He was 92. He served as the Principal of Dayalbagh Degree College at Agra before being appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Agra University. [*Tribune*. November 14, 2001: 8]

Jayalalitha, J.

The Supreme Court today directed a Chennai special court to proceed with the trial in the corruption case against AIADMK supremo J. Jayalalitha and cricket board president A.C. Muthiah in the multi-crore Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) bonds scam.

A Bench comprising Mr. Justice K.T. Thomas and Mr. Justice R.P. Sethi, hearing an appeal filed by the CBI, suspended the Madras High Court order which had stayed the trial proceedings pending an appeal filed by Ms. Jayalalitha.

While issuing notices, the Bench said, "We suspend the Madras High Court order. However, the apex court said the Chennai court would not pronounce its judgement in the case without its prior permission. [SC gives nod to Jaya's trial. *Tribune*. February 17, 2001: 1]

In an unprecedented and controversial action, AIADMK Supremo Jayaram Jayalalitha was today sworn in as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, a day after her party stormed back to power in elections which she was barred from contesting.

The 53-year old stormy petrel of Tamil Nadu politics was back in power within hours of being unanimously elected leader by her party's 132 newly-elected members in the 234-member assembly although her nomination papers in the elections had been rejected in view of her conviction in a corruption case.

Governor Fathima Beevi, former Judge of the Supreme Court, invited Ms. Jayalalitha to form the government shortly after she staked her claim during a meeting between the two at Raj Bhavan.

Out of power for five years, Ms. Jayalalitha lost no time to resume her office, taking oath along with five ministers, all belonging to the AIADMK, even as delirious supporters burst crackers and danced on the streets.

Wearing a dark green sari, Ms. Jayalalitha presented a shawl to the Governor before she administered the oath of office and secrecy to her. [Jaya sworn in CM, Governor goes by people's choice. *Tribune.* May 15, 2001: 1, 18]

A three-judge bench of the Supreme Court in a significant order on July 20, 2001 admitted a batch of writ petitions challenging the appointment of AIADMK supremo J. Jayalalitha and referred them to a Constitutional Bench of five judges for early disposal in view of the immense constitutional importance of the matter.

Senior advocate K.K. Venugopal is to appear on behalf of Jayalalitha and Attorney General Soli J. Sorabjee on notice from the Court.

- SC admits petitions against Jaya. *Tribune.* July 21, 2001: 1.
- SC admits plea against Jaya. *Times of India.* July 21, 2001: 1.

AIDADMK chief Jayalalitha was acquitted on December 4, 2001 by Madras High Court in the Tansi Land deal and the Pleasant Stay Hotel cases. This is a major legal battle won by Ms. Jayalalitha. The acquittal clears the ban on her contesting an election – a factor which led to the rejection of four of her nominations on April 24, 2001. She was barred from contesting under the Representation of the People's Act, which disqualifies those sentenced to more than two years' imprisonment. Judgement was pronounced by Justice N. Dinakar, who dismissed the appeals of the prosecution while allowing Jayalalitha's appeals against the convictions. Jayalalitha had to quit the post of Chief Minister following a Supreme Court judgement on September 21, 2001 disqualifying her from appointment.

- HC acquits Jaya in land, hotel cases. *Times of India.* December 5, 2001: 1.
- Editorial. Amma's day. *Times of India.* December 5, 2001: 10.

- High Court acquits Jaya. *Tribune.* December 5, 2001: 1.
- Editorial. Jayalalitha scores a point. *Times of India.* December 5, 2001: 8.

Jayendra Saraswati (Swami)

Shankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam Swami Jayendra Saraswati favours the construction of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya and adds that any verdict of the judiciary against the construction of the temple would not be welcomed. On June 25, 2001 in Delhi he made this statement. He felt sad when Babri Masjid structure was demolished, he said. He said that he is against the conversion and reconversion; and is for cow protection at Ayodhya.

- Shankaracharya to visit China. *Tribune.* June 25, 2001: 8.
- Shankaracharya for Ram Temple. *Tribune.* June 26, 2001: 8.

Jerath, Kanwal Kishore

CBI has filed a charge sheet against Kanwal Kishore Jerath, former Chief Engineer-cum-Secretary Engineering, Chandigarh Administration for possessing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. During the period from 1991 to 1997, his income was Rs.11,35,000, but he had acquired assets worth Rs.67,11,000.

Jethmalani, Ram

Former Law Minister Ram Jethmalani says he has never discussed with any body about any chargesheet to be filed by the CBI in Rs.64 crore Bofors payoff case. Jethmalani termed as absolutely false the official version that during a high-level meeting in July 1999, he had consented to chargesheeting of Hindujas on the basis of available material. [Jethmalani denies discussing Bofors. *Tribune.* June 10, 2001: 10]

Jetley, Celina

The 21-year old Commerce graduate from Calcutta, Celina Jetley, was crowned the Femina Miss India Universe 2001 at a Miss India Beauty Pageant in Mumbai on January 27, 2001. Her ambition is to become a pilot. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review.* March 2001: 152]

Jhanji, V.K. (Justice)

After relinquishing charge as a Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High

Court, Mr. Justice V.K. Jhanji will be administered the oath of office as a Senior Judge of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court on December 3. Mr. Justice Jhanji was elevated to the Bench on March 15, 1991.

During his tenure as a Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Mr. Justice Jhanji had delivered several landmark judgements. As many as 13 professors were appointed in the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research following an order passed by Mr. Justice Jhanji. The allotment of mines in Haryana were also quashed and the State was directed to give lease through public notices.

Allotment of nine industrial plots to Oswal and Hero Cycles was also rejected by Mr. Justice Jhanji. On the basis of another order passed by him, rules were framed for the allotment of government houses in Chandigarh. Orders were also pronounced by Mr. Justice Jhanji in a kidnapping case filed against now DIG (Administration) Sumedh Singh Saini.

Mr. Justice Jhanji had also stayed the allotment of plots to MLAs by the Harcharan Singh Brar government, besides setting aside the orders of the trial court permitting the withdrawal of an attempt to murder case against Chief Minister Brar's son. Another petition filed by Sangrur MP Simranjit Singh Mann was also decided by him. A distillery owned by relatives of former Chief Minister Bhajan Lal was also directed to be closed.

Mr. Justice Jhanji was in the news recently for directing the Union of India and other respondents to issue travel documents to London-based self-styled President of "Khalistan" Dr. Jagjit Singh Chohan for enabling him to return to India.

Mr. Justice Jhanji did his schooling from Delhi before doing his law from Delhi University. [Jhanji to take oath as J&K HC Sr. Judge on Dec. 3. *Tribune*. November 29, 2001: 6]

Jindal, S.K. (Dr.)

Dr. S.K. Jindal, Professor and Head of the Department of Pulmonary Medicine at the PGI, Chandigarh has been honoured with international awards of the Chest Foundation of the USA and the American College of Chest Physicians in the last week of October 2001. [Eminence honoured. *Tribune*. November 14, 2001: 17]

Jogi, Ajit

The National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has dismissed Chattisgarh Chief Minister Ajit Jogi's claim of being a tribesman, and directed the state government to initiate urgent necessary action to cancel the ST certificate obtained by him.

The commission, while directing the state government to conduct the verification of genuineness of the ST certificate of Mr. Jogi, also directed that criminal action be taken against him in this connection. A report on the action taken is to be submitted to the Commission within 30 days, the Commission observed in its decision on a petition filed by one Sant Kumar Netam of Uslapur village in Bilaspur district of Chattisgarh alleging that Mr. Jogi was not a tribesman. [Jogi no ST, say panel. *Tribune.* October 23, 2001: 6]

Joginder Singh

Former CBI chief Joginder Singh's book "Be the Best" was released on January 10, 2001 by the Union Communication Minister Ram Vilas Paswan in New Delhi. [Joginder Singh's book released. *Tribune.* January 11, 2001: 8]

John, T.

T. John, a minister in the S.M. Krishna cabinet of Karnataka was removed by the Chief Minister for allegedly making a thoughtless and unacceptable statement about the Gujarat earthquake. While speaking at a function organized by a Christian Organisation in Bangalore to mark the World Peace Day celebrations, John allegedly referred to the Gujarat earthquake tragedy as divine punishment to Hindus for their acts of atrocity against Christians. The statement of the minister T. John attracted widespread criticism from various sections of society. Even leaders of the Church expressed their surprise and anguish over the remark. According to the reports from Bangalore, the police have registered a case against this former Karnataka minister based on complaint that he was trying to "incite communal feelings". [Editorial: Krishna controls damage. *Tribune.* February , 2001: 10]

Joshi, Sanjay

Sanjay Joshi has been appointed as the General Secretary of the BJP

National Party. Earlier Mr. Joshi was the General Secretary (Organisation) of the party's Gujarat unit. He has been appointed in the place of Mr. Narendra Modi. Mr. Narendra Modi has relinquished the post of the General Secretary to take over as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. [Pardhan appointed BJP's Vice President. *Tribune*. October 30, 2001: 6]

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Kairon, Surinder Singh

Mr. Satya Pal Dang, veteran CPI leader said that he had known much earlier than last night that Surinder Kairon is to grab a piece of land and even some forged documents have been procured by him to justify this act. Surinder Kairon is son of late Pratap Singh Kairon, the former CM of Punjab and a close relation of Prakash Singh Badal, the present CM of Punjab. [Badal's kin grab land? Tribune. November 21, 2001: 5]

Kakodkar, Shashikala

Former Chief Minister of Goa Mrs. Shashikala Kakodkar has been elected president of the Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party (MGP). [*Tribune*. November 6, 2001: 8]

Kalmadi, Suresh

Suresh Kalmadi, President of Indian Olympic Association has been elected to the Council of International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), becoming the first Indian to be included in the prestigious body. [Kalmadi elected to IAAF council. *Times of India*. August 2, 2001: 15]

Kalwankar, Chandrasen

Chandrasen Kalwankar, a freedom fighter and Janta Dal district unit general secretary passed away in Nasik on February 7, 2001 following a severe heart attack. He was 71. [Freedom fighter Kalwankar dead. *Tribune*. February 9, 2001: 9]

Kamath, K.V.

Managing Director and CEO of ICICI Ltd., K.V. Kamath has been honoured with the Asian Business Leader Award 2001, in Singapore on November 29, 2001. He is the first recipient of the award which has been jointly instituted by Business Solutions Company TNT, and Business Television Network, CNBC Asia Pacific. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. January, 2002: 158]

Kanjilal, Debashis (Dr.)

Dr. Debashis Kanjilal, a New York based Indian doctor on July 20, 2001 won a $400,000 settlement against 2001 American brokerage firm, Merril Lynch for stock market losses, which he suffered on account of the bullish recommendations by its star analyst. [Indian doctor lynches US biggie. *Sunday Times*. July 22, 2001: 1]

Kannaiyan, S. (Dr.)

Dr. S. Kannaiyan has been awarded the prestigious Dr. G.B. Manjrekar Memorial Award for the development of microbiology. Dr. S. Kannaiyan is the Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agriculture University. [*Tribune*. November 16, 2001: 14]

Kanshi Ram

The organizers of the BSP-sponsored “Saini sammelan”, especially Mr. Gurmail Singh Saini, former president of the district unit of the BSP, had to face a lot of embarrassment when the BSP supremo, Mr. Kanshi Ram, while addressing the *sammelan* at the nearby Langroya village on October 29 with a view to bringing Sainis, one of the most dominating castes in the Nawanshahr Assembly segment, into the party fold, virtually distanced Sainis from the BSP with his utterances.

Mr. Kanshi Ram chided Sainis by branding them as “habitual betrayers” stating that they had betrayed their own Guru. “I have no trust on them and no hope from them. The BSP can form a government in Punjab without them”, he said.

The BSP supremo, holding the arm of Mr. Gurmail Singh Saini, who was standing on the stage during the address, held him responsible for ignorance among Sainis about Mahatama Jyotiba Phule. He said with a view to forming a Dalit-friendly government in Punjab, he was favourably disposed towards the Panthic Morcha.

- Kanshi leaves sammelan, host red-faced. *Tribune*. October 29, 2001: 5.
- Sainis deplore Kanshi's remarks: *Tribune*. November 2, 2001: 13.

BSP supremo Kanshi Ram's remarks against the Saini community made recently at a function in Nawanshahr have evoked widespread resentment in the community. Condemning Kanshi Ram's remarks, MP Charanjit Singh Channi, who is also the president of North Zone Saini Cultural Society today said, "Kanshi Ram is not fit to live in a cultured society." Lok Jan Shakti Party president Narinder Singh Saini and Saini Naujwan Sabha state president Bhushan Saini, besides the representatives of organizations such as the Youth Welfare Association and the Phule Bharti Lok Party have also condemned Kanshi Ram for his alleged derogatory remarks against Saini community, and sought an apology from Kanshi Ram. [Kanshi Ram's remarks flayed. *Hindustan Times*. November 3, 2001: 5]

Kant, Amitabh

Amitabh Kant, joined the Union Tourism Ministry as Joint Secretary. He is set to become the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the ITDC. Kant is 1980 batch Kerala cadre IAS officer. He enjoys the reputation of having aggressively pushed Kerala on to the high spending tourist traffic map. [*Economic Times*. July 27, 2001: 3]

Kanwal, Rasheal

Seven-year-old Rasheal Kanwal – a student of Class III of Solan's (HP) St. Lukes Senior Secondary School scaled 17,300 feet high Sheti Dhar in Kullu district. She unfurled the national flag on the peaks of Sheti Dhar on September 24. Rasheal Kanwal was part of the 16-member team, which had started the expedition under the banner of Adventure Sports Club, Narkanda on September 19. She has now trained her sights on 18000 ft. high Ladhakbi Dhar and Hanuman Tibba in Rohtang Pass region. [Seven-year-old conquers.... *Indian Express*. November 19, 2001: 5]

Kapil Dev

The internal inquiry of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) into the match fixing scandal has exonerated legendary all-rounder Kapil Dev from any wrong doing and closed all the cases pending against him. "The Madhavan Report clearing my name cannot cause me any elation after all that I had to go through," the ace all-rounder told PTI from Scotland on phone.

The former Indian captain and coach, who was accused by team-mate Manoj Prabhakar of offering Rs.25 lakh to under perform in a Test in Sri Lanka in 1994, wept bitterly during a BBC TV interview by Karan Thapar and subsequently severed all connections with cricket.

Indian cricketing icon and speedster Kapil Dev is all set to return to cricket from his self-imposed exile by taking up the assignment of coaching the country's pacers for the World Cup 2003. After the betting scandal that took Indian cricket by storm, Kapil Dev had said he would not return to cricket as though it had given him much but taken a lot more. Board of Control for Cricket in India President Jagmohan Dalmiya said: His first love has been cricket always. When he was convinced that his country needed him, he decided to put aside his grievances.

- Kapil to train pacers for World Cup. *Tribune*. November 20, 2001: 17.
- Kapil ends exile, to train pacers. *Times of India*. November 20, 2001: 13.

After nearly 18 months of self-imposed "sanyaas" from the cricket, Kapil Dev, who along with Sunil Gavaskar, should be among the leading lights in international cricket of all times, has decided to return to his "first love."

When the match-fixing scandal rocked international as well as Indian cricket, Kapil, who was then the coach of the Indian cricket squad, too had been drawn into the quagmire. He was named as one of the "match fixers" and the CBI had raided his house and business premises. All this had a very profound impact on the best all-rounder the game has ever produced. He quit his job as the coach, wept openly in front of TV cameras and vowed that he would have nothing to do with the game which had given him so much. Subsequently, he was cleared of all charges of match-fixing but he steadfastly struck to his stand of having "nothing to do with cricket".

It was on November 2, 1994, that Kapil Dev, who had played 131 Test matches and 220 one-day internationals, bid farewell to the game. In Test cricket he had scored 5, 248 runs with the help of eight centuries and 27 half-centuries and had claimed 424 wickets. (When he hung up his boots Kapil was the highest wicket taker in Test cricket. This record was later overtaken by West Indian Courtney Walsh). His record in one-day was equally impressive – 3783 runs, 253 wickets. But more than the record he will always be remembered for his heroics in the 1983 World Cup when he took India to the pinnacle of glory by his own personal example. Seldom in Indian cricket has a Captain done so much for the team.

His decision to renew his ties with cricket will certainly do a world of good to Indian cricket. He has volunteered his services to train the fast bowlers for the 2003 World Cup to be held in South Africa, but in the same breath he has announced that there was no question of coaching the Indian team (so New Zealander John Wright can breath a little easy).

Indian cricket should benefit from Kapil Dev. But for his turnaround all credit should be given to the new BCCI President, Mr. Jagmohan Dalmiya, who could convince him to "return to cricket". During his forced hibernation from cricket, Kapil was turning out to become a more than average golfer. Cricket's gain could well be golf's loss! [Kapil back to his first love. *Tribune*. November 21, 2001: 8]

There shall be a full-length autobiographical film on Kapil Dev – Kapil Dev, the True Story – in which he has chosen to reveal it all. Film is being scripted by Delhi's Anurag Kashyap and is to be produced by Tyager Productions.

- Kapil Dev will tell all in film on himself. *Times of India*. November 21, 2001: 9.

- Kapil to tell all in his 'true story'. *Tribune*. November 21, 2001: 17.

Kapoor, Anil

Anil Kapoor, a Bollywood filmstar, bagged the 'Best Actor' award at the 48th National Film Awards held on March 26, 2001 for *Pukaar* wherein he played the role of a discredited army officer who successfully battles the militants. Anil Kapoor has played many a memorable roles in a number of films notably: *1942 - A Love Story, Mr. India*, *Tezaab*, etc. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. May 2001: 152]

Kapoor, Karisma

Karisma Kapoor, the Bollywood actress, bagged the Filmfare Award for

Best Actress for her performance in *Fiza* on February 17, 2001. Her other popular recent films are *Dil to Pagal Hai* and *Zubaida.* [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. April 2001: 148]

Kapoor, Mohinder

Noted playback singer Mohinder Kapoor has been chosen for the Lata Mangeshkar Award 2001. The award, instituted by the Madhya Pradesh Government, carries cash prize of Rs.1 lakh and a citation. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. December, 2001: 160]

Kapoor, Raj

Release of a stamp on Raj Kapoor has created history. The stamp with three Raj Kapoor photographs along with an earlier one honouring his father Prithviraj Kapoor is the second pair of father-son stamps in the history of Indian philately. The Kapoors are also the world's first father-son pair in the film industry who have been commemorated through stamps. [Raj Kapoor stamp creates history. *Tribune*. December 19, 2001: 7]

Karamjit Kaur

Karamjit Kaur of Punjab set a new national record in pole vault at the Seventh Federation Cup Athletics Championship which ended in Bangalore on June 25, 2001. [National Record by Karamjit. *Tribune*. June 26, 2001: 18]

Karmakar, Gita

Actress Gita Karmakar passed away of cardiac arrest at her residence in Kolkata on February 14, 2001. She was 52. Karmakar had starred in over 150 films, dramas and radio plays. Some of her memorable films include Mrinal Sen's *Mrigaya and Chorus*. She also acted in Hindi films like *Spandan* (with Amol Palekar) and *Narak* (with Alok Nath) besides Bengali TV serials. [Actress Gita Karmakar dead. *Tribune*. February 16, 2001: 8]

Karnik, Kiran

Kiran Karnik has been selected to be the new Chief of Nasscom. The post had fallen vacant after the death of Dewang Mehta. Infosys

Chairman N.R. Narayana Murthy, Nasscom Chairman Pheroz Vandrewala and V-C Arun Kumar who are advisors to the Committee have already given their consent for Karnik. Karnik was earlier CEO of Discovery Channel.

Nasscom executive council has approved the name of the former Discovery India Chief, Kiran Karnik as the new president of the Nasscom. Karnik's name was unanimously approved by the council when it met in Bangalore on August 4, 2001.

Will Kiran Karnik succeed? is the question being asked. The software industry is not so much in limelight. This is a disadvantage to Karnik. And everybody would expect Karnik to recreate the hype his predecessor Dewang Mehta created about the software industry. It will be a difficult task. Another difficulty is that Nasscom has no organization. It has been a one-man show. Mehta could manage with this internal situation because of his long association with Nasscom, Karnik will not be able to do so without building a formal organization for Nasscom. [Will Karnik succeed? *Times of India*. August 7, 2001: 13]

Kartar Singh (Giani)

The death anniversary of Giani Kartar Singh falls on the June 10, 2001. Dharam Singh recalls how after the 1945-46 Assembly election Giani declined to accept the offer for ministership and passed it on to Swaran Singh. Giani said the Panth would gain more from his renouncing the ministership than by his accepting it. The author cites the case of Kapur Singh who declined the offer of governorship in favour of serving the Sikh Panth. The author adds: Can we find another Kapur Singh or Kartar Singh among the present Sikh leadership?... Unfortunately, our leadership is so engrossed in self-aggrandizement that they are least bothered about the welfare of the community. [The self-effacing Giani Kartar Singh. *Tribune*. June 10, 2001: 12]

Karthikeyan, Narain

A new chapter in Indian motor sport will be written in letters of gold when Narain Karthikeyan test-drives the Formula One in Silverstone Track in England on June 12. Karthikeyan, who has been performing well in the Formula Nippon category after graduating from the Fomula 3 championship last year, has been striving to grab the "Rookie of the year trophy in Formula Nippon". "The test driving of Formula One which was postponed twice last year has finally become a reality with the Jaguar Team confirming the event to be held in Silverstone on June 12", Karthikeyan told PTI during his three-hour stop-over in Chennai on May 26, 2001 en route to Singapore. Karthikeyan said: "I am moving in the right direction with the sole goal of becoming the First Asian to be the Fomula One driver sooner or later". [Karthikeyan. *Tribune.* May 26, 2001: 7]

Narain Karthikeyan (24), hailing from an affluent textile trading family in Coimbatore, was attracted to Motor Racing due to the "thrill of speed". He created history when he test drove for Jaguar at the Silverstone Circuit to become India's first Formula One hope. Karthikeyan who considers World Champion Michael Schumacher as his role model, has a dream to become a Formula One racer but he lamented lack of sponsorship in India for Motor Racing and other games, except for Cricket and Tennis.

Karunakaran, K.

Giving a severe jolt to the Congress party in Kerala ahead of the assembly elections, veteran party leader, K. Karunakaran resigned from the Congress Working Committee (CWC) on April 7, 2001. He apparently took this decision after some of his supporters, including his daughter, K. Padmaja, were denied tickets for the State Assembly Polls.

- Karunakaran quits CWC, Congress seeks to appease him. *Times of India.* April 8, 2001: 1.
- Karunakaran syndrome. *Indian Express.* April 16, 2001: 6.
- Karunakaran wants a few changes: Azad. *Indian Express.* April 16, 2001: 5.

Kasturirangan, K. (Dr.)

Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Chairman of Indian Space Research Orgainsation (ISRO) was conferred the degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) for his contribution to the field of spacecraft and remote sensing and scientific satellites. The honour was conferred on Dr. Kasturirangan by the State Governor Lt. General J.F.R. Jacob (retd.) at the 28th Annual Convocation of the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar on December 15, 2001. [GND Varsity honours Arun Jaitley. *Tribune.* Dec. 16, 2001: 5]

Khaira, Manpreet

Jalandhar born, Manpreet, 35, is the Indian-American CEO of Mobilian Wireless Systems Company. He has been able to raise $35 million, which is considered a feat for most IT companies nowadays. Khaira founded Mobilian in 1999. Mobilian, a wireless systems company that designs and develops analog and digital integrated circuits and host and embedded software for standards based wireless data communications.

Manpreet Khaira is a computer science engineering graduate from the IIT, Kharagpur.

He won the distinguished President of India Gold Medal for academic excellence. Khaira is recognized as an expert in VLSI design and management. Prior to founding Mobilian, he was the principal engineer and director of an advanced design technology group at Intel.

He founded the group in 1994, when he was 28, and is credited with growing it to what he says was one of the largest and most prolific advanced design technology groups in the industry. He invented the Technology Maturity Model and built a management system around it to enable rapid conversion of technology to products.

Khaira said that he began his career in the Intel super computer systems division where he developed validation and verification technologies to reduce the number of steps for chipsets to get to high-volume manufacture. He is also chairman of the board for TrueDisk.com and an advisor to several other startups.

On the cusp of releasing its first product – True Radio – where the device auto detects, selects and connects, Khaira said, "Our first two rounds of financing have allowed us to build an impressive team and develop our first product, TrueRadio. This round will allow Mobilian to bring TrueRadio to market, and is the first major step in the company's vision of True-Connectivity, to enable computing and communication devices to automatically detect wireless networking opportunities, select the best ones, and connect seamlessly and reliably." The company believes its unique architecture will enable wireless local area and personal area networking technologies to become pervasive over the next few years.

Mobilian investors in the latest round include Bessemer Ventures, Raza Venture Fund A, JAFCO, Dell Ventures, SBV Venture Partners. "Having the opportunity to invest in a strong management team, focused on a value-added solution to a real problem combined with a proven ability to deliver, was very important to us." Said Todd Dow, Principal, Dell Ventures.

Since its founding, Mobilian has raised over $60 million in funding. It boasts a strong management team drawn from Qualcomm and Intel, blending wireless communications innovations with expertise in high volume integrated circuit (IC) design and manufacturing. The company operates out of three sites – Hillsboro, Oregon; San Diego, California and Yoqne'am, Israel. [Punjabi raises $35 m in funding. *Tribune*. May 31, 2001: 13]

Khan, Amir Alam

Rashtriya Lok Dal, led by the Union Agriculture Minister Ajit Singh received a jolt on August 6, 2001 when Amir Alam Khan, one of RLD two MPs, resigned from the party in protest against Singh's decision to join BJP-led NDA. [RLD M.P. resigns. *Times of India*. August 7, 2001: 1]

Khan, Amjad Ali

Prime Minister Vajpayee will confer 'Deshikottama', the highest degree of Visva Bharati University on Sarod player Amjad Ali Khan at Shantiniketan on December 15, 2001, during the annual convocation of the University. Announcement to this effect was made by the Vice-Chancellor of the Visva Bharati University, Sujit Kumar Basu. [PM to confer degree on Amjad Khan. *Tribune*. November 29, 2001: 8]

Noted musician and sarod maestro Amjad Ali Khan was conferred an honorary degree of the Visva Bharati University. Degree was conferred by the Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee who is also the 'Acharya' of the University during the annual convocation (1999-2000). [PM addresses Visva Bharati convocation. *Tribune*. Dec. 16, 2001: 7]

Khan, Fardeen

Actor Fardeen Khan, along with two others, was charge-sheeted on August 2, 2001 in the cocaine seizure case by the Narcotics Control Board (NCB). The NCB charge sheet which runs into 242 pages applied

Section 28 r/w 8(c) , 21 of the NDPS Act on Fardeen. [Fardeen, 2 others charge sheeted. *Tribune*. August 2, 2001: 1]

Khan, Salman

Film actor Salman Khan, who played lead role in the controversial film "*Chori Chori Chupke Chupke*", was on May 17 summoned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) at its office in Mumbai for questioning in the case involving nexus of underworld with Bollywood.

Salman has been listed by the police as a star witness in the case, being tried by a special court set up under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA). He is the second actor after Sanjay Dutt to be grilled by the ED in the case.

Noted financier Bharat Shah, producer of the film, Nasim Rizvi, and his assistant Abdul Rahim Allah Baksh have been booked under MCOCA for alleged links with the underworld. The police has filed a charge sheet against Shah, Rizvi and Abdul Rahim, all of whom are in custody. The ED has also interrogated Rizvi and Shah on several occasions in the past.

Rizvi claimed that "*Chori Chori* ......" was his film while Shah urged that he had financed the film. The police has recorded telephonic talks between Shakeel and the accused, which indicated that the film was financed by the Karachi-based gangster.

Rizvi also confessed that Rs.15 lakh had been paid on his behalf to Shah, which was passed on to Shakeel through a hawala transaction by a Dubai-based businessman.

The police has also recorded statement of heroines Preity Zinta and Rani Mukherjee, who acted in the film. The ED is trying to ascertain how and from where the finance was provided to the film. [ED questions Salman Khan. *Tribune*. May 17, 2001: 1]

Khanna, Arjun Singh (Lt. Gen.)

Lt. Gen. Arjun Singh Khanna, an Artillery Officer, will assume charge of the post of Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Planning and System) on April 1, 2001. Lt. Gen. Khanna is a decorated soldier and has won a Vir Chakra in the 1965 war. Lt. Gen. Khanna was GOC of 16 Corps popularly known as Nagrota Corps in Jammu and Kashmir. He has been awarded a Param Vishisht Sewa Medal this year for his role in counter insurgency operations in the valley. He was commissioned into artillery regiment in 1963. He is to take charge from Lt. Gen. S.S. Mehta. [Gen. Khanna is Deputy Chief of Army Staff. *Tribune*. April 1, 2001: 1]

Khatod, Anil

Anil Khatod, the Indian American chief marketing and strategy officer of telecommunications giant Nortel Networks has resigned. In an interview with IANS from his home in Atlanta, Georgia, 42-year old Khatod said he left because he had grown out of Nortel. [Top Indian officer quits Nortel. *Tribune*. July 24, 2001: 14]

Khattar, Jagdish

Managing Director of Maruti Udyog Ltd., Jagdish Khattar, was elected Deputy Chairman of Confederation of Indian Industries (Northern Region) at the first meeting of the newly elected Regional Council of the CII (Northern Region) in Delhi on April 18, 2001.

Jagdish Khattar is graduate of the prestigious St. Stephen's College. He subsequently acquired a degree in Law. He joined IAS in 1965 and took voluntary retirement in 1993. In the same year he joined Maruti Udyog as Director (Marketing & Sales). He was appointed MD in August 1999. [Bhartia new CII (NR) Chairman. *Tribune*. April 19, 2001: 13]

Khayal Rampuri

Noted Urdu poet Khayal Rampuri died following a paralytic attack at Moradabad on January 20 night. He was 67. He is survived by his wife, four daughters and two sons, family sources said. The poet was conceded as one of the last representatives of literary cultural tradition of Rampur. [Urdu poet Khayal Rampuri dead. *Tribune*. January 22, 2001: 8]

Kher, Anupam

The eminent theatre and film personality, Anupam Kher has been appointed Chairman of the National School of Drama Society. An alumnus of NSD, Kher has been appointed for a period of four years. Presently the Chairman of Bhartendu Natya Academy in Lucknow, Kher has over 275 films and 100 plays to his credit. [Anupam Kher is NSD Chairman. *The Hindu*. October 31, 2001: 11]

Khosla, Vinod

India-born billionaire venture capitalist and founder of the Sun Microsystems, Vinod Khosla has topped the Midas list of investors, compiled by the prestigious US financial magazine, Forbes International. Forty-six year old Khosla had raked in $15 billion by investing in about half a dozen makers of breakthrough telecom gear.

Khosla was born in 1955 into a military family in New Delhi and earned degrees from some of the world's best tech-savvy institutions including IIT, Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburg, and the Stanford Business School in Northern California. [Indian rakes in billions by investing in stocks. *Tribune.* February 17, 2001: 15]

Kishan Gopal

Kishan Gopal, lecturer, has created history, becoming the only man to be honoured with a Ph.D. degree in the hitherto untouched subject of "Punjabi shorthand; it limitations and potentials".

Working as a lecturer in S. R. Government College for Women, Amritsar, Kishan started his research in 1996. His efforts of nearly five years paid off when he was conferred the degree in addition to a university citation extolling the virtues of the research paper presented by him.

The citation is in recognition of the contribution towards Punjabi language, which makes him the first and the only man to have forayed into a subject that until date had remained untreated and, therefore, unexplored in the regional language. [Lecturer creates history. *Tribune.* May 22, 2001: 15]

Kohli, Amolok Rattan

Mizoram Governor A.R. Kohli was sworn in as Meghalaya Governor on June 27, 2001 at Shillong Raj Bhawan. The Chief Justice of the Guwahati High Court, Ravinder Singh administered the oath of office and secrecy. This arrangement has been made vice Meghalaya Governor M.M. Jacob, who is on long leave [Kohli sworn in Meghalaya Governor. *Tribune.* June 28, 2001: 14]

Koijam, Radhabinod

Radhabinod Koijam, leader of the People's Front sworn in as the Chief Minister of Manipur in the afternoon of February 15, 2001 at Raj Bhawan. The oath of office and secrecy was administered by Governor Ved Prakash Marwah. Radhabinod Koijam is the Samata Party Legislature Group Leader in the Manipur Assembly. [Koijam sworn in CM. *Tribune.* February 16, 2001: 8]

Koshiyari, Bhagat Singh

Bhagat Singh Koshiyari was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Uttaranchal on October 30, 2001. Koshiyari is a journalist-turned politician and a seasoned party leader with an RSS background. Fondly called as Bhagat da, he had been a pracharak of the RSS for several years. Born in Mahargari village of Bageshwar district, Koshiyari, a bachelor, began his political career as a student leader in Almora College in 1961-62 at the age of 19. After completing his post-graduation in English literature from Agra University in 1964, he served as a lecturer for a year at Rampur Inter College in Etah district. He quit his job to become a journalist and started a Hindi weekly, *Parvatiya Piyush* from Pithoragarh. Mr. Koshiyari has authored several books in Hindi – "*Uttaranchal Pradesh Kyon*", "*Uttaranchal Pradesh Sangharsh aur Samadhan*", etc. – and some of these have won him accolades.

He also actively participated in the statehood movement of the former hilly areas of the UP and held the post of General Secretary of the BJP's Uttaranchal unit from 1988 to 1993. Before the creation of the new state he was the president of the BJP unit of Uttaranchal. He was nominated to the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council in 1997 and renominated in 1999. For the first time he became Power Minister in the Nityanand Swami government on November 11 last year.

- Koshiyari elected Uttaranchal CM. *Tribune.* October 30, 2001: 6.
- A former Journalist as CM. *Tribune*, Nov. 1, 2001: 8.
- Power for Pracharaks. *Times of India.* Nov. 1, 2001: 12.

New Chief Minister of Uttaranchal, Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, is indeed a dark horse. A few outside Uttar Pradesh have heard his name till the BJP's Central leadership sprang a surprise by pitch forking him to the top post in the one-year-old hill state. Holding power portfolio in the preceding Nityanand Swami Ministry, Koshiyari is known to be a staunch RSS man, brought up in the strict discipline of the organization. In keeping with the RSS tradition, he has not married and devoted long years of his life in the service of the "Sangh".

Except one year in the Swami government, he has no administrative experience nor did he ever contest an election. He was a member of the U.P. Legislative Council when the most populous state of the union was split and Uttaranchal carved out; he was inducted in the first government of the hill state and as important portfolios as power, irrigation and law were allocated to him. Even though lacking in experience in administration, his record as power minister has been impressive.

Known to be a man of simple life style, Koshiyari has been basically a man of the organization and played an important role in building up the BJP in the hill region of U.P., which a year back became the state of Uttaranchal. He was also among the front ranking leaders in the agitation for carving out the separate hill state. A "Pahari" (hailing from hills) in true sense, many call him son of mountains. Born in Almora when the Quit India movement was gathering momentum in 1942, he completed his pre-university education in his native town and obtained Master's degree in English Literature from the Agra University. He briefly took a job as teacher but soon resigned to become a full time RSS activist. Since then, there is no looking back for him. While working with the RSS, he published and edited a weekly, known as "*Parvatiya Piyush*" (flower of the mountain).

Exactly a year back when the BJP's high command picked up Nityanand Swami to head the first government of the hill state, Koshiyari and his supporters raised the banner of revolt. Even though he proposed last year Swami's name for the leadership of Uttaranchal BJP Legislature Party, ostensibly, following pressure of the party's High Command, Koshiyari and two other senior leaders, Ramesh Pokhriyal and Narain Ram Das declined to join the ministry.

Koshiyari was, in fact, a serious contender for the top post, claiming that the honour to become the first C.M. of the hill state should go to a "son of the soil" (a pahari) and he was the genuine one belonging to Kumaon region. His contention was that Swami does not belong to hills and his ancestors were migrants from Haryana. Koshiyari was virtually forced to withdraw from the contest and compelled to propose the name of Swami much against his conscience.

The simmering discontent, however, burst into open with Koshiyari's supporters going on rampage, smashing the entire stage soon after the swearing-in ceremony of Swami as the C.M. They were protesting against selection of what they then called "a non-pahari" to head the government. Swami hit back asserting: "I am the biggest Pahari in the new state. I have been living here for 40 years". Later, Koshiyari was prevailed upon by the central leadership to take oath as a cabinet minister in the Swami government but the discontent continued to brew.

Exactly a year after the BJP's High Command had to eat humble pie; compelled to replace Swami by Koshiyari. Supporters of the new C.M. say he has got his due. Koshiyari, however, faces an uphill task; he will have to lead the party to polls in four months time. One wonders if he will be able to live upto the expectations of the central leadership. Change of guard in the hill state is said to be part of a new experiment by the BJP. They have brought in committed RSS men – Rajnath Singh in U.P. and recently Narendra Modi in Guajrat – as part of the new strategy. While Rajnath Singh got reasonable time to improve the saging morale of the party in U.P., time for Koshiyari is running out fast.

True, Koshiyari, like his predecessor, does not suffer from "outside tag". While Swami had a brief stint in the Congress, the new Chief Minister is an old hand in "saffron circle" and counted among the RSS ideologue. Nevertheless, it is widely felt that his saffron background may not take him far in the first-ever assembly elections in the hill state. Added to that, he is also known to be short tempered and poor in public relations. There are no qualifications for a leader who is supported to lead his party in the battle at the hustings. [Koshiari wedded to RSS tradition and philosophy. *Tribune*. November 4, 2001: 1]

Kothari, L.P.

L.P. Kothari has been appointed the Chief Election Officer and Secretary of the Election Department in Rajasthan as per a press note of July 20, 2001. He was the Secretary in the Forest Department. [Kothari CEO of Rajasthan. *Tribune*. July 21, 2001: 8]

Krishan Kant, Suman

Suman Krishan Kant, wife of the India's Vice-President has been elected President of the Mahila Dakshata Samiti for the fifth time. [*Tribune*. July 7, 2001: 1]

Krishna Iyer, V.R. (Justice)

Former Supreme Court Judge V.R. Krishna Iyer has been selected for the first Dr. C.K. Kareem Foundation Award. The award, instituted in the memory of noted historian Dr. C.K. Kareem, carries a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and a citation, Prof. K.A. Jaleel, President of the C.K. Kareem Memorial Foundation, said on May 25. The award, given annually to an eminent person from south India for commendable work in social, cultural, literary or educational fields, will be presented in September. [Justice Iyer to be awarded. *Tribune.* May 27, 2001: 10]

Krishnamurthy, Jana

Jana Krishnamurthy, the Vice-President of BJP took over as the new President of BJP following the exit of previous incumbent, Bangaru Laxman, in the wake of alleged involvement in Armygate exposed by @ tahelka.com video tapes. Krishnamurthy has been the RSS Pracharak from Tamil Nadu. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. May 2001: 152]

"India needs good astrologers" said BJP president Jana Krishnamurthy in Kolkata on August 17, 2001. He justified the HRD ministry's decision to introduce astrology in the higher education curriculum. [We need good astrologers says Jana. *Times of India*. August 19, 2001: 6]

Jana Krishnamurthy, 72, has been a life-time "Swayamsevak" with impeccable integrity and honesty. Hailing from a leading family of lawyers from Madurai, Krishnamurthy joined the RSS in 1940 when he was in his teens, became a "Pracharak", held the position from 1945 to 1951, and subsequently joined the Jana Sangh.

He was in the forefront when Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee gave a call following the death of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya to all young men to give up their jobs and serve the party. A murderous attempt was made on his life in Coimbatore as far back as 1982 but no harm came to him. The only election Janaji contested was from the prestigious constituency of Madras (South) in 1998 but lost to Mr. T.R. Balu of the DMK. Mr. Krishnamurthy came to Delhi in 1993 and since then has been associated with the strategic think-tank, headed the Intellectual, Economic, Defence and Foreign Affairs cells of the party and subsequently was elevated to the post of Vice-President of the party. He has replaced Bangaru Laxman, as the President of Bhartiya Janata Party. In Delhi he lives at 9, Ashoka Road bungalow. [The "Swayamsevak" who made it to the top. *Tribune*. April 8, 2001: 13]

Krishnamurty, Yamini (Ms.)

Noted exponent of Bharatnatyam, Yamini Krishnamurty was conferred Kalidas Samman 2001 on November 1, 2001. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. December 2001: 159]

Krishnaswamy, S. (Air Marshal)

Air Marshal S. Krishnaswamy, an expert fighter pilot and an electronic warfare specialist took over as Vice-Chief of Air Staff. He succeeded Air Marshal Vinod Patney who retired on August 1, 2001 after putting in 40 years of distinguished service in IAF. [Krishnaswamy is Vice-Chief of Air Staff. *Tribune*. August 2, 2001: 8]

Air Marshal S. Krishnaswamy, the only combatant fighter pilot to receive Defence Research Agni Award, was on October 30, 2001 named the new chief of air staff to succeed Air Chief Marshal A.Y. Tipnis. A test pilot and fighter combat leader, Air Marshal Krishnaswamy has more than 4000 hours of flying experience. An electronic warfare specialist, he is credited with raising and commanding the first electronic warfare squadron of the IAF. He has captained more than 30 varieties of aircrafts and helicopters. He has had the rare distinction of commanding three air commands – Central, South Western and Western. He was Deputy Chief of Air staff and is presently the Vice-Chief of Air staff. [*Tribune*. Oct. 31, 2001: 18]

Kuldip Singh (Justice)

Justice Kuldip Singh, a retired judge of the Supreme Court of India has resigned as the President of the World Sikh Council (WSC) on June 16, 2001. He was appointed as the Chairman of the Council in December 1997 by the then Jathedar of Akal Takhat. The WSC was bedeviled by several controversies since its inception in 1997. A tug of war was going on between two groups in the WCS for the past few months and Kuldip Singh did not approve of it. The former judge was of the view that in spite of his best efforts, WSC could not establish its independent and autonomous identity. [*Tribune*. June 19, 2001: 3]

Kulkarni, Pramod (Prof.)

Prof. Pramod Kulkarni, a famous poet and critic died in Nasik on December 30, 2000 following a massive heart attack. He was 46. He was also known as Kavi Anand Jorvekar. Writing his poems under the pen name of 'Anand Jorvekar', Professor Kulkarni was working in the local B.Y.K. College. [Well known poet passes away. *Tribune*. January 1, 2001: 8]

Kumar, H.P.

H.P. Kumar, Director-General of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), expired on the night of January 4, 2001. He was 59. A senior IPS officer of the 1962 batch, Mr. Kumar had been guiding the drug policy for the past six years. [Director-General of NCB dead. *Tribune*. January 6, 2001: 8]

Kumar, J.S. (Air Vice-Marshal)

J.S. Kumar, Retired AVM remanded in CBI custody with other six persons on July 28, 2001. Kumar and others were arrested yesterday, charged under the Official Secret Act. The CBI has busted a commercial espionage racket haunting the IAF for past six months. The accused include three retired Wing Commanders of IAF, Y.S. Tomar, K.Koruthu, and H.K. Nagpal.

- Ex-Air Vice-Marshal, 7 others held: Documents regarding defence purchases seized. *Tribune*. July 28, 2001: 1.
- CBI busts espionage ring, eight arrested. *Times of India*. July 28, 2001: 1.
- Retd. AVM remanded in CBI custody. *Tribune*. July 29, 2001: 1.

Kumaraswami, M.

M. Kumaraswami has taken over as the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) from M. Gopalan, who retired on June 30, 2001.

Before taking over as CGDA, Kumaraswami, who belongs to the 1965 batch of the Indian Defence Accounts Service, held several assignments like Deputy Financial Adviser in the Finance Ministry, Additional CGDA (Audit), Financial Adviser to the Indian Council of Medical Research and Principal Controller of Accounts (Factories). Kumaraswami is an alumnus of National Defence College and has pioneered the quality movement and introduced the ISO system in the defence accounts department. [New defence accounts chief. *Times of India, Government Business*. July 6, 2001: III]

Kumble, Anil

Anil Kumble took his 300th Test wicket during the second day's play of the first Test between India and England at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore on December 20, 2001. He is the 4th spinner in the world to do so. The 31-year old leggie said, it was too early for him to say if he would surpass the highest Indian wicket taker Kapil Dev who has 434 wickets to his credit. [Anil Kumble joins the 300 club. *Tribune*. December 21, 2001: 1, 16]

Kunjarani Devi

Weightlifter Kunjarani Devi tested positive for a banned drug 'strychnine' during random tests carried out during July 12-17 at Senior Asian Weightlifting Championship held at Joen Ju, South Korea. She has been suspended by the International Weightlifting Federation from all international events for a period of six months. [*The Times of India*. August 27, 2001: 1]

Kurdikar, Mogubai

Mogubai a veteran singer from the famous Jaipur Atraoli Gharana, 'Gaantapaswini' passed away of old age at Hinduja Hospital in Mumbai on February 10, 2001. She was 96 and is survived by her two daughters – veteran singer Kishore Amonkar and Lalita and son Ulhas. [Singer Mogubai dead. *Tribune*. February 12, 2001: 8]

Kuttikkad, Jesey

Jesey Kuttikkad, the Malayalam film director and actor, died following a heart attack in Kochi. He was 62. Starting his career as a stage actor with professional troupe, he entered the world of movies in 1965. Apart from acting in movies, he also directed 35 films.

L

Lal, B.M. (Justice)

Justice B.M. Lal, 63, is no more. Former Chief Justice of Patna High Court and controversial appointment as MRTPC Chairman in 2000. Also acted as Bihar Governor last year. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 174]

Lambah, S.K.

S.K. Lambah, an IFS officer of the 1964 batch, has been appointed as special envoy in Afghanistan. Lambah is the former High Commissioner to Pakistan and has vast experience of the region. This has been done in view of the growing international focus on the war-ravaged country. He will be involved in formulating policies on the fast changing developments in Afghanistan. For this he will undertake visits to different countries for explaining India's stand on Afghanistan crisis and discuss matters with leadership there. [*Tribune*. Nov. 1, 2001: 1]

Laskar, Halim Ali

Halim Ali Laskar, 18-year-old labourer from 24 South Parganas district of West Bengal saved the lives of hundreds of people by foiling a bid to blow up the Howrah-bound Rajdhani Express on January 9, 2001. He saw two bombs half concealed under the ballasts and immediately reported the matter to the nearest signalling cabin. He was awarded Rs. 10,000 for his act of exemplary bravery by the Eastern Railways. [Youth awarded for bravery. *Tribune*. April 13, 2001: 8]

Laxman, Bangaru

Bangaru Laxman, BJP President resigned as Tehelka.com tape records showed him accepting a bribe of Rs. One lakh at his residence on January 5, 5001. This compelled the Party to seek his resignation.

- Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. April 2001: 148.
- Laxman's act indefensible: Advani. *Tribune*. April 2, 2001: 8.

Laxman, V.V.S.

Batsman, V.V.S Laxman on March 14, 2001 scripted a new chapter in Indian cricket history by making an unbeaten 275 against Australia in the second Test at Kolkata's Eden Gardens. He surpassed the previous best of 236, scored by Sunil Gavaskar against the West Indies in the Sixth Test at Madras in 1983-84 series. This is the highest individual score by an Indian in 70 years since the country started playing Test cricket. The 26-year-old Laxman broke Sunil Gavaskar's 17-year-old record in 524 minutes off 369 balls and 40 boundaries.

- Laxman rewrites Gavaskar's record. *Tribune.* March 15, 2001: 20.
- Laxman (275 n.o.) leaves Australians clueless. *Tribune.* March 15, 2001: 20.
- Laxman eyeing triple ton. *Tribune.* March 15, 2001: 20.

Laxmanan, G.

G. Laxmanan, who was Deputy Speaker in the Lok Sabha during the 1980-84 Indira Gandhi regime, died of cardiac arrest. He was 78. Mr. Laxmanan leaves behind his wife, two sons and a daughter. He was hospitalized two months ago for treatment of a blood-clot in the brain. [Former L.S. Deputy Speaker dead. *Tribune.* January 11, 2001: 8]

Liberhan, Manmohan Singh (Justice)

Justice Manmohan Singh Liberhan, former Chief Justice of Madras High Court and presently Head of Commission of Enquiry into the demolition of Babri Masjid at Ayodya, was accused by Haryana Vidhan Sabha member Anil Vij on August 7, 2001 of scam of fraudulent transfer of properties. [Liberhan accused of fraudulent transfer of house. *Times of India*. August 8, 2001: 3]

Lohani, Ashwani

Ashwani Lohani, the 41-year old officer from the Indian Railway Service has taken over as the Chairman-cum-managing director of Indian Tourism Development Corporation. His brief is to pull ITDC out of red and emphasise strongly on tourism promotion.

Lohani is credited with winning world heritage site status for the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, making it one of the 22 such sites in India. [Lohani takes over as CMD of ITDC. *Economic Times*. July 31, 2001: 4]

Lone, Abdul Gani

Some gunmen sprayed bullets towards Abdul Gani Lone's house on November 1, 2001 at about 21.15 p.m. He and his family member escaped unhurt. Lone is a senior executive committee member of the All Party Hurriyat Conference (APHC). [Abdul Gani Lone escapes attempt on life. *Tribune*. November 3, 2001: 1]

Lourie, Manikam Susheela

The honour of 'Member of British Empire' was conferred on Ms. Manikam Susheela Lourie by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II on December 30, 2000. Ms. Lourie has been conferred with the honour for her work for racial equality in North Wales. [*Tribune*. January 1, 2001: 7]

M

Madhan, V.K. (Maj.)

A General Court Martial has found Major V.K. Madhan of 2 Rajputana Rifles, guilty of two of the four charges levelled against him for dereliction of duty during the Kargil operation in 1999. He has been awarded eight years loss of service for the purpose of promotion and eight years loss of service for the purpose of pension, and a severe reprimand. The sentence is to be confirmed by the convening authority. The trial had commenced on December 2, 2000. [CGM convicts Kargil Major of melingering. *Tribune*. June 27, 2001: 1]

Madhu, Madan Lal

Madan Lal Madhu, a Moscow-based poet, translator and journalist who translated into Hindi the works of Alexander Pushkin and other Russian writers, has been decorated with the 'Order of Friendship' for "contributions of promotion of Russian-Indian cultural ties". Russian President Vladimir Putin honoured Madhu, who came to Russia in 1956 with a group of Indian intellectuals under an inter-governmental programme to translate Russian classics into Indian languages, with the highest Russian award for foreigners on Thursday on his 75th birthday. [Putin honours Indian journalist. *Tribune*. May 27, 2001: 11]

Madhvendra Singh (Vice-Admiral)

Vice-Admiral Madhvendra Singh, took over as the Vice-Chief of Naval Staff on April 3, 2001. He was commissioned into Indian Navy on January 1, 1963, after his training at the National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla. Madhvendra Singh – a specialist in gunnery, is a graduate of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and a post-graduate of the Naval War College, Newport, USA. He has commanded the Missile Frigate Talwar, Naval Academy at Kochi, Missile Destroyer Ranvir and the Aircraft Carrier Viraat besides holding other important appointments. Vice-Admiral Madhvendra Singh has twice been commended by the Chief of the Naval Staff and is a recipient of the Param Vishist Seva Medal and the Ati Vishist Seva Medal for distinguished service of a very high order. [Madhvendra is Navy Vice-Chief. *Tribune*. April 4, 2001: 8]

A highly decorated operational warfare expert, Admiral Madhvendra Singh was named on October 29, 2001 as the new Chief of Naval Staff in succession to Admiral Sushil Kumar. At present Vice-Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Singh was Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command and later of Western Naval Command. Specialised in gunnery, Vice-Admiral Madhvendra Singh did the advanced gunnery course at the Royal Military College of Science in the United Kingdom. [*Times of India*. October 30, 2001: 1]

Mahalik, Geeta

Noted Odissi exponent Geeta Mahalik will be honoured for her outstanding contribution in enriching and popularizing classical Indian dance. Ms. Mahalik would be presented Guru Devaprasad Award. The award would be given by Patitpawan Kala Niketan – a non-profit cultural organization at a function in New Delhi on November 20, 2001. [*Hindu*. November 20, 2001: 3]

Mahanta, Prafulla Kumar

Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, former Assam Chief Minister and Chief of Asom Gana Parishad was accused of the second marriage with a legislative assembly employee, Sanghmitra Bharati. Whereas Bharati confirmed it, Mahanta denied it, calling it a conspiracy to malign him and his party. Mahanta's father, Devakanta Mahanta was quoted as saying that is was unfortunate that former Chief Minister's wife, Jayashree Goswami Mahanta, could not anticipate the developments in its initial stage. He is reported to have said how can Prafulla, who can't even rule his wife, rule the state? Things went wrong with him since the day Jayashree entered politics. [Mahanta's wife blamed by his father. *Times of India*. August 21, 2001: 9]

Earlier Mahanta had said that this marriage story is completely absurd. It is nothing but a political gimmick to malign me and my party...His wife Jayashree had said: "Such false allegations won't affect our marriage.

- Mahanta says secret marriage is fiction. *Times of India*. August 17, 2001: 1.
- All for love, says Mahanta's other woman. *Times of India*. August 18, 2001: 9.

The Congress today romped home with an absolute majority in Assam while Chief Minister Prafulla Kumar Mahanta tendered his resignation with his party Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) suffering a humiliating defeat.

The Congress won 71 seats while the AGP was routed winning only 19 seats while its ally the BJP could manage only seven.

The Congress, which contested all the seats on its own, has made a triumphant comeback and is all set to assume the reins of government under the leadership of Assam Pradesh Congress President Tarun Gogoi.

Chief Minister Mahanta on May 15 tendered his resignation to the Governor, Lieut-Gen. S.K. Sinha (retd.) who asked him to continue till the formation of the new government. The elections witnessed the downfall of several Cabinet colleagues of Mr. Mahanta, including Speaker Ganesh Kutum and Deputy Speaker. [Mahanta quits as Congress romps home. *Tribune*. May 15, 2001: 1]

The beauteous Sanghamitra Bharati, a junior employee of the Assam Legislative Assembly in Guwahati, claimed to have married former Assam Chief Minister P.K. Mahanta – a father of three – in a secret ceremony in a Mumbai temple on March 11, 2001. The classical singer, married to a veterinarian with a 12-year old son, added that her alleged paramour's security officers, including the Inspector General of Police and Minister for Rural Development were also present on the occasion. The allegations rocked the Asom Gana Parishad and almost cost Mahanta his job as the Party President. Everybody denied it though including the temple priest. Mahanta who first became Chief Minister in 1985, however, received severe drubbing in the Assembly Election in May 2001. [Partner in crime. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 77]

Mahesh Inder Singh

Mahesh Inder Singh, son of Teja Singh, a cousin of Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal declared at Bathinda on November 18, 2001 that he would contest the forthcoming Punjab Assembly elections from Lambi constituency on a Congress ticket. At present Badal represents this constituency. [Mahesh Inder to take on Badal. *Tribune*. November 19, 2001: 4]

Majitha, Parkash Singh

Parkash Singh Majitha, a member of the Punjab Council of Ministers, died at the PGIMER, Chandigarh. He was 80. Mr. Majitha, who was a Cabinet Minister without portfolio, had been ailing for a long time and was reportedly suffering from Parkinson's disease.

On January 10 he was admitted to the PGIMER with bilateral pneumonia and was admitted to the respiratory intensive care unit where his end came at 8.05 p.m. due to cardio-respiratory failure.

A graduate in education from Khalsa College, Amritsar, Mr. Parkash Singh Majitha was first elected to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha in 1967 and became Transport Minister in 1968. He was elected again in 1977, 1980 and in February 1997 and was made Minister for Revenue and Rehabilitation. Since he was suffering from Parkinson's disease, Mr. Parkash Singh Badal retained him in the Cabinet as a minister without portfolio.

A keen hockey player, Mr. Majitha remained President of the Majitha Municipal Committee in 1959-60 and again in 1966-67. Between 1956 and 1960, he also remained the President of the Guru Nanak Public School, Majitha.

Majitha was also a member of the Chief Khalsa Dewan and a member of the Governing Council of Khalsa College, Amritsar, besides holding several other positions in various educational and religious organizations. He was a patron of Shiromani Akali Dal and had taken part in various morchas and agitations. [Majitha dead. *Tribune*. January 20, 2001: 1,20]

Majumdar, Indranil

Indranil Majumdar has been awarded the Texas Instruments Analog Design Challenge 2001 Award in the US for his railway collision avoidance system. The contest was global. [*India Today*. July 23, 2001: 137]

Malakar, T.R.

Deputy Director-General in Doordarshan, T.R. Malakar has been appointed Director-General of All India Radio. He belongs to India Broadcasting (Programme) Service and has been functioning as DDG Doordarshan since 1989. He is presently a channel head of the National Channel, DDI. Earlier, he served as station director of AIR in Kolkata, Cuttack, Agartala and Silchar. [S.Y. Quraishi appointed DG, Doordarshan. *Tribune.* December 29, 2001: 20]

Malik, M.S.

M.S. Malik, Secretary-General of Haryana Olympic Association and Director-General of Police, Haryana has been elected President of Wrestling Federation of India at Pune on April 18, 2001. He defeated G.S. Mander in closely contested election by four votes. Malik got 36 votes while Mander secured 32 votes. [Malik elected WFI president. *Tribune.* April 19, 2001: 16]

Malik, Yasin

Senior Hurriyat leader and JKLF Chairman Yasin Malik was arrested and sent to jail on August 13, 2001 for failing to appear before a Delhi court twice and leaving the country without court's permission. Yasin Malik, the accused, has thus committed breach of conditions, whereby bail was granted to him. [Malik held, sent to Tihar Jail. *Times of India.* August 14, 2001: 1]

New Delhi court on August 18, 2001 granted bail to Jammu & Kashmir Liberation Front Chairman Yasin Malik, who was arrested earlier for his failure to appear before a special court in Delhi and for visiting abroad in violation of his earlier bail conditions in pending TADA case. [Yasin Malik gets bail. *Tribune.* August 19, 2001: 1]

Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) Chief Yasin Malik said, "the attack on Parliament has been carried out by those who do not wish to solve the Kashmir problem peacefully and amicably. [Attack on Parliament a setback: JKLF. *Times of India.* December 21, 2001: 3]

Mallah, Ram Babu

Notorious dacoit Ram Babu Mallah surrendered before Morena Police.

He had been active for the last seven years and his gang was involved in several incidents of murder, loot, dacoity and kidnappings. He carried a reward of Rs. 25,000/- on his head. [*Tribune*. October 30, 2001: 6]

Malleswari, Karnam

Karnam Malleswari, the India's first ever woman medallist at Olympic games has been named South Asian of the Year by the Time magazine. She had received the highest number of votes in the poll by the magazine's website.

Malleswari had bagged Bronze in 69 kg Weight-Lifting for Women at the Sydney Olympics 2000. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. February 2001: 147]

Malviya, Radha Kishan

The reaction of the MP Congress General Secretary Manak Agarwal, after the attack and on gaining consciousness on July 29 evening, was to accuse Congress Chief Radha Kishan Malviya of being involved in the crime. Agarwal said that he had the information that the conspiracy to eliminate him had been hatched at Malviya's residence. He charged Malviya with patronizing anti-social elements in the party and held him responsible for inducting and promoting Inder Prajapat, though the latter had half-a-dozen criminal cases against him in various police stations in Indore. [Malviya involved in attack: Agarwal. *Tribune*. July 31, 2001: 16]

Mangeshkar, Lata

Lata Mangeshkar was selected for the Bharat Ratna of 2001, the nation's highest civilian honour on January 25, 2001. Lata Mangeshkar, the melody queen of India, recipient of 1999 Dada Sahib Phalke Award for her contribution to Indian film music, completed 50 years of singing in September 1992. Reputed to be world's most recorded artist, she figures in the Guinness Book of World Records. She was conferred the fellowship of the Sangeet Natak Akademi for 1989. She is also a recipient of Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibushan. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. March 2001: 152]

Melody queen Lata Mangeshkar was conferred Bharat Ratna, nation's highest civilian award for her contribution in the field of music. The award was presented on January 25, 2001. [Bharat Ratna for Lata, Bismillah. *Tribune*. January 26, 2001: 1, 18]

Manohar, Shashank

Lawyer Shashank Manohar was elected President of Vidarbha Cricket Association in the elections held at Nagpur on August 5, 2001. [Manohar elected VCA President. *Times of India*. August 7, 2001: 17]

Maran

Tamil Nadu Liberation Army Chief and forest brigand Veerappan's close accomplice, Maran, who was arrested by the STF on February 15, 2001, has been remanded to 15 days' judicial custody, the police said. Maran, the master brain behind the abduction of Kannada thespian Rajkumar, was arrested from Velliangiri forests on the Tamil Nadu-Kerala border and brought to Coimbatore later. [Maran remanded to custody. *Tribune*. February 17, 2001: 8]

Marandi, Babulal

Babulal Marandi was sworn in as the first Chief Minister of the newly created state of Jharkhand on November 25, 2000.

Marandi was born in a farmer's family in 1958 in Kodai Bank village of Giridih district. He is a graduate and he joined BJP in 1990. He was the Minister of State for Environment and Forest in the NDA Government before he became the first Chief Minister of Jharkhand. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. January 2001: 143]

Martin, Gerry

Gerry Martin, 26, from Bangalore is the first Indian to become a National Geographic Adventurer. Besides being an animal consultant for the National Geographic, Gerry has also appeared on screen for *Wild Things* and *World Gone Wild*. His yen for animals is showcased in episodes such as *Crocodile Cronicles*, *Crocodile Bank*, *Snake Village* and *Monitor Lizards*. [Indian storm National Geographic. *Times of India*. November 18, 2001: 9]

Marvah, Surendra Mohan

Ace shooter Surendra Mohan Marvah died of cardiac arrest in Dehra Dun on December 19 evening. Marvah's body was recovered from a car he was driving while returning home from a shooting event at the IMA, they said. Marvah (50) is survived by his wife and a son.

Marvah participated in various international events and won several medals, including a bronze in centre fire pistol event at the Hiroshima Asiad. He was also member of the Indian team that won gold medal in Auckland Commonwealth Games. After voluntary retirement as Deputy Commandant from BSF, Marvah had devoted himself to the game. [Shooter Marvah dead. *Tribune.* December 21, 2001: 16]

Mascarenhas, Michael

Michael Mascarenhas, Air-India Managing Director was suspended on May 23, 2001 for allegedly showing undue favours to the AI's London-based general sales agent (GSA).

A decision in favour of reinstatement of Michael Mascarenhas as Air India's Managing Director has been taken by the Government of India on November 28, 2001, after the CBI gave him a clean chit in a corruption case. Mascarenhas had been suspended on May 23, 2001 for allegedly showing financial favours to Air-India's General Sales Agent in London, Welcome Travels. The CBI in its 30-page report given to Civil Aviation Secretary, A.H. Jung, on November 27, 2001 found no evidence against Mr. Mascarenhas in the case. After his reinstatement Mascarenhas will be in office for just two days as he retires on November 30, 2001. For 58-year old Mascarenhas, it is being seen as a moral victory. [Mascarenhas likely to take over today. *Tribune.* November 29, 2001: 13]

Mathew, Arun Eapen

Arun Eapen Mathew, a computer engineer, has been arrested by the Kerala police on the charge of fraudulently using credit card numbers of others to purchase articles worth lakhs of rupees through e-commerce portals. Arun Eapen Mathew (26) who had cheated scores of people, mostly foreigners, was arrested by the police of Kottayam on Sunday when he came to collect a consignment from a courier service office. [Cyber thief arrested. *Tribune.* May 22, 2001: 8]

Mathew, Mammen

Malayala Manorama editor, Mammen Mathew has been elected president of the Editors Guild of India for the year 2001-2002. Mathew, who was elected to the post at the Guild's annual general meeting on May 12, 2001 succeeds Ajit Bhattacharjea, senior editor and director of the Press Institute of India. Alok Mehta, editor, Dainik Bhaskar, Delhi, and Sumit Chakravarty, editor, "Mainstream", were elected general secretary and treasurer, respectively. [Mathew is Chief of Editors Guild. *Tribune*. May 15, 2001:8]

Mathur, M.K. (Dr.)

Noted orthopedic surgeon, M.K. Mathur, is to lead a 20-member team to Kabul by a special plane, for organizing a camp to fit artificial limbs 'Jaipur Foot' to the Afgans maimed in the war. Dr. Mathur and his team would be fitting about 1000 artificial limbs during their stay in Kabul. A unique feature of the composition of the team is that more than half of the technicians are themselves limb-less persons fitted with the 'Jaipur Foot'. ['Jaipur Foot' for maimed Afgans. *Tribune*. December 31, 2001: 6]

Mawlong, E.K.

Close on the heels of the exit of three BJP legislators from the E.K. Mawlong Ministry, Finance Minister A.H. Scott Lyngdoh and Power Minister Martle Mukhim of the United Democratic Party also quit the Govt. in Shillong on November 13, 2001. [Two more quit Mawlong Ministry. *Tribune*. November 14, 2001: 1]

Meenaghe, Vijay Saraf

A large 7.5 x 7.25 feet painting of the Jammu artist, Vijay Saraf Meenaghe, to be purchased by CM Farooq Abdulla of J&K and to be presented to PM A.B. Vajpayee to adorn PM's house. While inaugurating the solo-exhibition, Farooq was so smitten by the large canvas full of vibrant colours that he instantly offered to buy it and present it to the PM.

Born in 1956, Meenaghe held his first solo-exhibition in Jammu in 1977. Since then as many as 17 solo-exhibitions have been held in Mumbai, Delhi and Varanasi. Meenaghe also participated in several group exhibitions at Amritsar, Agra, Lucknow, Kolkata. [Jammu artist's painting may adorn PM's house. *Times of India*. August 7, 2001:9]

Mehta, Ashok

Ashok Mehta was on January 4, 2001 sworn in as the Sheriff of Mumbai by Maharashtra Governor P.C. Alexander at Raj Bhawan in Mumbai.

Mr. Mehta succeeds Augustine Pinto whose term expired on December 19, 2000. Mehta's appointment will remain in effect upto December 19, 2001. [Ashok Mehta sworn in as Mumbai Sheriff. *Tribune.* January 5, 2001: 8]

Mehta, Chhabildas

Veteran Congress Leader and former Gujarat Chief Minister Chhabildas Mehta resigned from the primary membership of Congress Party on May 3, 2001 through a fax to the Party President Sonia Gandhi. The reason given by Mehta said: "I donot want to say much about the approach of the Congress Party, but due to the Centre's policy of globalisation and liberalization lakhs of small and medium units were forced to close down and crores of people became unemployed." [Chhabildas Mehta resigns from Congress. *Tribune.* May 4, 2001: 1]

Mehta, D.R.

Eight elected directors including J.M. Chaudhury, Girish Mehta, Ajit Khandelwal, Raju Bachhawat, Rajendra Agrawal, Bipin Dewra have resigned from the Calcutta Stock Exchange on March 30, 2001. CSE president and vice-president Kamal Parekh and K.D. Daga as also the defaulting broker Dinesh Singhania had already resigned. These resignations have been submitted with a view to facilitating the proposal for demutualization mooted by the Securities and Exchange Board (SEBI). D.R. Mehta, SEBI Chairman, informed that CSE would continue to function with six nominees representing the regulator and three from the public and without broker-directors on its board.

- Eight directors quit CSE board. *Times of India.* March 31, 2001: 1.
- CSE awaiting instructions. *Tribune.* March 31, 2001: 15.

Mehta, Dewang

The president of the National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) Dewang Mehta died in his hotel room in Sydney on April 12, 2001 at about 12:30 p.m. IST, or 5 p.m. local time. Mehta was a part of the delegation visiting Australia under the leadership of Union Information Technology Minister Pramod Mahajan.

Delegation's trip ended last night with a dinner hosted by the Indian community. Mehta was present at the dinner, met the Minister at about 10:30 p.m. and returned to his room at the Hotel Park Hyatt at about 11:00 p.m. He was to take a flight to India at 6:30 p.m. (local time) and when he did not respond to many telephone calls transferred to his room, the staff of the hotel forced open the door of this room around 5 p.m. to find him lying dead in his bed. The Minister described Mehta's death as a huge loss to the IT sector. [*Tribune.* April 13, 2001: 1, 6]

A Delhi University graduate, Dewang Mehta was a trained accountant and a computer graphics graduate from the United Kingdom. He had a computer graphics business in London. The 1962 born bachelor was seen quite often in fashion and socialite circles too. He had been the judge of many beauty contests. It were due to the single handed efforts of Dewang that the software and service sector logged over $5.7 billion in 1999-2000. [*Tribune.* April 13, 2001: 15]

Indian High Commission in Australia, R.S. Rathore said that though he was not aware of the cause of Mehta's death, the police did not suspect any foul play. Only in May 1998, Mehta was appointed as a member and spokesman of the high powered IT task force set up by the Prime Minister to draft a national informatics policy [*Times of India.* April 13, 2001: 1]

Dewang Mehta, 38, died on April 12, 2001. *India Today* under *Soft Target* describes him: "*Roti, kapada, makaan, bijli aur bandwidth*" was all Dewang Mehta ever wanted for India. Under his tenure as NASSCOM president the country's software industry recorded a phenomenal growth – from Rs. 240 crore in 1991 to Rs. 19,200 crore in 2000.

- IT doyen Dewang Mehta dead. *Tribune.* April 13, 2001: 1-6.
- A bachelor who romanced with IT. *Tribune.* April 13, 2001: 15.
- Dewang Mehta died of heart attack. *Tribune.* April 14, 2001: 10.
- Farewell to tech guru. *Tribune.* April 16, 2001: 16.

Mehta, Harshad

The CBI in Mumbai on November 9, 2001 arrested Harshad Mehta and two of his brothers – Ashwin and Sudhir – for alleged transaction of 27 lakh shares in violation of a government order that all property of the

'Big bull' stood attached. The arrest was made after the CBI's bank securities and fraud cell found that the trio had been engaging in selling of 27 lakh shares fraudulently. These shares belonged to blue chip companies, and were allegedly sold by the three brothers in *benami* names and in the names of their relatives. [Harshad, 2 brothers held. *Tribune*. November 10, 2001: 1]

'Big Bull' Harshad Mehta (47) died at the Thane Civil Hospital on December 31, 2001 following a massive heart attack. He was lodged in the Thane Central Jail. He developed chest pain at around 11 p.m. on December 30, 2001 and was shifted to the Thane Civil Hospital where he breathed his last at 12.40 a.m. on December 31, 2001.

The CBI arrested him on November 9, 2001 in the case of alleged misappropriation of Rs. 250 crore from 27 lakh missing-shares of 90 blue chip companies. CBI had alleged that these shares were sold fraudulently in the market by the accused.

Harshad Mehta initially hit the headlines some 10 yeas ago (April 1991 and June 1992) in the wake of multi-crore securities scam. He rose from an insurance clerk in New India Assurance Company to become one of the most high profile share brokers till 1992, when the multi-crore securities scam rocked stock exchanges in the country. According to the CBI, he exploited bank receipts instruments to the maximum and used the money derived to speculate the share prices of several blue chip companies. He took over closed companies, pumped in cash and boosted their shares in the stock market. He was facing trial in altogether 28 cases and was convicted in one case involving use of Maruti Udyog Ltd. funds to the tune of Rs. 30 crores in stock markets.

- Big Bull Harshad Mehta's legacy is the 92 scam. *Times of India*. January 1, 2001: 11.
- A chronology of the rise and fall. *Times of India*. January 1, 2002: 11.
- Editorial - The Bull's last sigh. *Times of India*. January 1, 2002: 10.
- From clerk he rose to meteoric heights. *Tribune*. January 1, 2002: 11.
- Harshad Mehta dead. *Tribune*. January 1, 2002: 6.
- Harshad dies of heart attack in custody. *Times of India*. January 1, 2002: 1.

Mehta, Zubin

Zubin Mehta, an Indian born musician was honoured with the title of "The Knight of the Legion of Honor" in Paris on April 24, 2001. On his 65th birthday on April 29, 2001, Mehta was again honoured with Life Membership of the prestigious Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. The conductor of New York and Israel Philharmonic Orchestras is already a recipient of Padam Bhushan, and a co-winner of Wolf Prize 1995-96 along with Romania born composer Gyorgy Ligeti. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review.* June 2001: 157]

Menon, Vivek

Leading wildlife campaigner Vivek Menon has won the prestigious Rufford Award for his fight against organized wildlife crime and poaching of elephants in India. The award carries a cash prize of £20,000 (Rs. 13.6 lakhs). Menon, Executive Director of the Wildlife Trust of India and an honorary wildlife warden of New Delhi, received the award from the Princess Royal at a function at the Royal Geographical Society on Wednesday where the 2001 Whitley Awards for International Nature Conservation were presented. [Indian bags Rufford award. *Tribune.* February 9, 2001: 9]

Milkha Singh (Padma Shri)

Flying Sikh of yesteryears, Milkha Singh was selected for Arjuna Award as announced by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in New Delhi on August 2, 2001. Milkha Singh is already a recipient of Padma Shri. This award belongs to lifetime contribution category. The Arjuna Award carries a cash reward of Rs. 1.5 lakh.

Milkha Singh, Flying Sikh, refused to accept the Arjuna Award for lifetime contribution, saying: "I have been clubbed with sports persons who are nowhere near the level that I had achieved." He conveyed his decision to Sports Minister Uma Bharti. He wrote that the Arjuna Awards, instituted in 1961, were being given to those who did not deserve them. "I am against this Award itself and the way it is awarded," he added. He claimed that politicians and ministers recommended the names for grant of awards....even the PMO makes recommendations for awards. His achievements, he wrote: 'He had won four gold medals in Asian Games; one in Commonwealth Games in 1958, had run 80 races all over the world, winning 77; was awarded 'Helms World Trophy' in

1959 by US for being the best 400 meters runner in the world; and broke the Olympic record in 1960 Rome Olympics.

- Milkha turns down Arjuna Award. *Tribune*. August 3, 2001: 1.
- *Times of India*. August 17, 2001: 13.

Harbans Singh tells the success story of Milkha Singh, comparing him with other achievers, and bringing out clearly what makes him a different sportsperson. [Will India ever produce a Milkha again? *Tribune*. October 27, 2001: 18]

Flying Sikh Milkha Singh had a narrow escape when he was about to light the flame of the 31st National Games at Guru Nanak Stadium at Ludhiana, on November 19, 2001 evening.

When Milkha reached the top of the flame stand at 6:15 p.m., he seemed momentarily overwhelmed by the cheering. As he raised both hands to acknowledge the applause, the gas was released into the burners. Milkha never had the time to lower the torch on the burners for the flame leapt up to his hand and also enveloped a part of the stand.

Despite his age, the Flying Sikh showed quick reflexes and ran down the stairs. People helped him beat out the flames licking him. However, it took the organizers over five minutes to extinguish the fire around the pedestal. Milkha later told reporters that he was safe. He registered his protest with the organising committee and left the venue in a huff. S.K. Wassan, assistant manager with the Indian Oil Corporation, which has sponsored the flame for 13 days, explained the co-ordination for lighting the flame was maintained through mobile phones. A person standing atop the dais called another below it to switch on the gas. However, they had not dialed in Milkha Singh's basking in popular acclaim into their planning.

Flying Sikh scorched. *Times of India*. November 20, 2001: 1.

Hands of God saved me, says Milkha Singh. *Times of India*. November 22, 2001: 6.

Minj, S.

S. Minj, a senior IAS officer and Divisional Commissioner of Raipur, Chattisgarh, has been appointed as Vice-Chancellor of Pandit

Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur. This is an additional charge given to S. Minj. Appointment was made by Chattisgarh Governor Dinesh Mohan Sahay on January 7, 2001 in his capacity as the Chancellor of the state universities. Minj replaces Prof. Ranvir Singh Shastri. [New VC of Raipur University. *Tribune.* January 8, 2001: 8]

Mirza, Diya

Diya Mirza, the 18-year old Femina Miss India Asia Pacific was crowned as Miss Asia Pacific at the beauty pageant in Manila (Philippines) on December 2, 2000. With this, India has achieved the unique distinction of winning all the three most coveted beauty titles in a single year – Miss Universe, Miss World, and Miss Asia Pacific – in 2000. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*, January 2001: 143]

Mishra, Brajesh

Dr. J. K. Jain, former BJP Rajya Sabha MP, and a shareholder in the Jain TV Channel, levelled a series of allegations against Mr. Brajesh Mishra, the Prime Minister's Principal Secretary and National Security Advisor on January 5, 2001. 'Brajesh Mishra ka Pardah Fash', a half-an-hour newsclip was screened before the media persons in New Delhi, and cases of omission and commission in the PMO were brought to their notice. Dr. Jain stated that the state apparatus was being misused by Mishra to defame him. Dr. Jain mentioned the sanction of pre-mature retirement of Brig. Arun Mishra from the Indian Army during Kargil conflict, and the award of government advertising contract involving crores of rupees to Mrs. Vibha Mishra, both against rules in view of the influence of Brajesh Mishra in favour of his close relatives. [*Tribune.* Jan. 6, 2001: 8]

Brajesh Mishra, National Security Advisor to P.M., visits U.S. in the last week of June 2001 to hold talk in Washington with U.S. National Security Advisor Condelezza Rice, Secretary of State Colin Powell, and Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and others. Coming Indo-Pakistan summit and the security situation in South Asia, and terrorism may be the important subjects of discussion. [Mishra's U.S. visit to boost bilateral ties. *Tribune.* June 26, 2001: 8]

Prime Minister's Principal Secretary and National Security Advisor Brajesh Mishra is going to Bangladesh on a confidence-building mission on October 26, 2001. Mishra would convey to the leadership of Bangladesh that India always wanted to have friendly and cordial relations with that country. He would also try to prevent Bangladesh joining Pakistan and China in attempting intelligence encirclement of India. The spate of attacks on Hindus after Begum Zia coming to power is also to be discussed. [Brajesh Mishra for Dhaka on confidence-building mission. *Tribune*. October 26, 2001: 1]

Mishra, D.C.

D.C. Mishra has been appointed as the new managing director of RITES Ltd. Prior to this, he was the executive director of the company. With 34 years of professional experience in RITES and the Indian Railways, Mishra has worked in various capacities. He has piloted the export of railway rolling stock to Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Tanzania, Vietnam, Myanmar and USA, and undertaken the technical upgradation of foreign railway systems. As the World Bank consultant to Combodia, Mishra provided expertise on rehabilitation of railway rolling stock. [D.C. Mishra is RITES MD. *Times of India. Government Business*. July 6, 2001: II]

Mishra, Deepak

Eminent poet and critic, Deepak Mishra, was on April 14, 2001 conferred with the Bisuv Award for his outstanding contribution to Oriya literature. The Award, instituted by the Prajatantra Prachar Samiti and carrying a cash prize of Rs.25,000 and a copper plaque, was given away at the 52nd annual convocation of the Bisuv Milan at Cuttack. [Oriya poet gets Bisuv award. *Tribune*. April 15, 2001: 8]

Mishra, Priyanka (Dr.)

Priyanka Mishra (28), is the first woman police officer to be posted in the dacoit infested range of Bhind district of Madhya Pradesh. She is serving as Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) of Bhind. In the last seven months that she has been on her first field assignment in this dacoit infested region, she has created panic amongst the dacoit gangs operating in this difficult terrain area. The most dreaded dacoit here, Nirbhay Singh Gujjar, has even put a reward of Rs.5 lakh on her head. Priyanka joined the Madhya Pradesh police in 1995 after clearing the State Civil Services Examination. She also holds a Ph.D. in Medieval

History from Indore University. [A woman has Chambal dacoits on the run. *Indian Express*. April 17, 2001: 1-5]

Mishra, R.P. (Dr.)

Dr. R.P. Mishra, an eminent earth scientist and President of the Sustainable Development Foundation, and the former Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof. Mohammad Shafi, have been selected for the first Bhoogol Ratna Award. The award is given to the eminent geographers for their significant contribution to the sustainable use of resources. The award instituted by the Bhoovigyan Vikas Foundation carries Rs.1 lakh cash and citation. The award is to be presented on the occasion of the Earth Day on April 22, 2001. [Bhoogol Ratna awards announced. *Tribune*. April 14, 2001: 10]

Misra, Someshwar

The arrest of Mr. Someshwar Misra, Chief Excise Commissioner (Delhi Zone) by the CBI allegedly for accepting a bribe of Rs.10 lakh should not be treated as a sensational development. Yes, it is part of the routine the CBI has perfected for staying in the lime-light as a prime agency engaged in the daunting task of exposing corruption in high places. The owner of the Noida-based Flex Industries, Mr. Ashok Chaturvedi too was taken into custody for allegedly having committed the offence of offering the bribe. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Will the case result in the conviction of the well-connected suspects? The Misra-Chaturvedi case is just one of the many high-profile ones that the CBI and other agencies have investigated and cornered ill-deserved media attention. The rate of conviction should serve as the only yardstick of the efficiency or lack of it of the CBI that has even appointed an official spokesman for briefing the media about the cases it claims to have cracked. Without meaning to be unduly critical of the methods adopted by the investigating agencies, it must be pointed out that at some stage political pressure is brought upon them for leaving loopholes in the cases involving senior politicians, bureaucrats and influential businessmen.

According to media reports Mr. Chaturvedi started his career in Kanpur as an ordinary salesman. Today his guest list reads like a veritable who is who from the world of media, civil service, politics and entertainment. Only recently he had thrown a party in honour of Shah Rukh Khan. After reading the full account of the influence that the Misra-Chaturvedi combine exercise in the corridors of power even a first grade school kid would not go wrong in predicting the outcome of the case when it comes up for trial. The bitter truth is that society as such has to become more assertive and demanding for making the fight against corruption at any level really effective. Neither the setting up of a Vigilance Commission headed by the voluble Mr. N. Vittal nor the promises made by the political leadership can really deliver so long as the promise of transparency in public dealings is not fulfilled. As far as the public perception is concerned as of today no one in positions of power is perceived to be clean. Most people see the campaign against corruption as a charade in which the corrupt are expected to expose the corrupt. [Another case of corruption. *Tribune*. November 10, 2001: 12]

Mistry, Dhruv

Noted sculptor Dhruv Mistry has been bestowed an Honorary Commander of the British Empire (CBE) by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II on December 30, 2000. [*Tribune*. January 1, 2001: 7]

Mitra, Soman

Soman Mitra is to replace WB Congress President Pranab Mukherjee, as decided by AICC President Sonia Gandhi in consultation with Mr. Mukherjee. AICC's decision to bring Pranab Mukherjee again into national politics has necessitated this change. [Soman Mitra likely to be WB PCC chief. *Tribune*. May 31, 2001: 3]

Mitra, Subroto

Subroto Mitra, 71, is now no more. He was the cinematographer Satyajit Ray relied on to produce masterpieces like *Pather Panchali* and *Charulata*. Other works include *Teesri Kasam* and *Shakespearewalla*. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 174]

Mitra, Suchitra

Ms. Suchitra Mitra took over on February 8, 2001 as first woman Sheriff of Kolkata. She said that she would try her best to help the needy.

Ms. Mitra is known to the music world and Bengal's cultural societies as an exponent of Tagore's song who once had pleased Mahatma Gandhi and personalities like Roma Rolla, Bertrand Russel and many other luminaries of the world. Pandit Nehru and his daughter, Indira Gandhi were also admirers of her sweet melody.

Suchitra Mitra loved Tagore song and spent her entire life singing it and she says she will die for it. She would like to be remembered as a lover of Tagore song after her death, she added.

But, of late, Ms. Mitra was devoting some time in various welfare activities, particularly, for the poor and down-trodden womenfolk and got herself associated with various voluntary organizations. She also took part in the Leftist cultural movement in Bengal which was demanding more rights and freedom for the women.

After being sworn-in as Sheriff of Kolkata, Ms. Mitra said she was delighted to be in this prestigious chair, which once great luminaries like C.R. Das, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, J.M. Sengupta held. She now feels she will get some opportunities to meet people form various walks of life and hear their problems. [Suchitra Mitra elected Sheriff. *Tribune*. February 9, 2001: 8]

Modi, Narendra

BJP General-Secretary took over as Chief Minister of Gujarat State on October 7, 2001.

The CM Gujarat, Narendra Modi, on November 20, 2001 at Ahmedabad displayed the Diwali gifts at his residence because he wants to auction them and give the proceeds for the women's education. Former CM Shanker Singh Vaghela called this a *natak*. [CM Narendra Modi to auction his Diwali gifts. *Times of India*. November 22, 2001: 6]

Mody, Raghu

Raghu Mody was elected as President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM) of India on February 16, 2001. He is the Chairman of Rasoi Ltd., J.L. Morrison (India) and Hindustan Composites Ltd. [*Tribune*. Februay 17, 2001: 15]

Mohammad Afzal

A commission agent for medical equipment, Mohammed Afzal, 31, was the link between the attackers and the LeT and JeM. After being briefed about the plot in Pahalgam in March 2001, he came to Delhi to brief Shaukat Hussain and Gilani about the plan to attack Indian Parliament and possibly the Delhi Assembly. [The plot unravels. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 4]

Mohammad Afzal of Kashmir who was the link between Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) Commander in India, Ghazi Baba, and the five terrorists revealed that the orders to the terrorists, who attacked Indian Parliament on December 13, 2001, were to mow down MPs after entering the House. He added all the five terrorists were Pakistanis, from Punjab province of Pakistan, having backing of Ghazi Baba of JeM. The three among the terrorists – Mohammad (leader), Raja and Rana – used to speak on the telephone to people in Pakistan. [Ghazi Baba told Linkman Afzal to target Parliament; orders were to mow down MPs. *Times of India*. December 21, 2001: 1]

Mohan Lal (Master)

Punjabi University Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Jasbir Singh Ahluwalia, on May 8, 2001 at Patiala, served a show-cause notice on Higher Education Minister Master Mohan Lal, asking why he should not be disqualified from conducting doctoral research as he had failed to explain his position regarding the authenticity of the synopsis, progress reports and bibliography submitted by him while working on his Ph.D. thesis in the University, despite having been given two opportunities.

The Vice-Chancellor and the minister have been embroiled in a bitter controversy after the minister ordered an inquiry against the former on the basis of a memorandum submitted by the Punjabi University Teachers Association (PUTA).

The Vice-Chancellor, on the basis of a memorandum by another group of teachers, asked the minister to reply to allegations that his synopsis and bibliography had been ghost written. The minister was enrolled for Ph.D. in the university under the guidance of the Vice-Chancellor himself after the Academic Council waived off eligibility conditions in his case.

Meanwhile, the PUTA today expressed satisfaction on the process of inquiry against the Vice-Chancellor, saying immediate action should be taken against him following the announcement of the inquiry findings by the minister yesterday. A few teachers' organizations have, however, castigated the minister for making such "utterances" and requested the Chief Minister to restrain him.

The Vice-Chancellor's show-cause notice to Master Mohan Lal reads: "I further order that if Master Mohan Lal desires and requests for an independent probe into the allegations, particularly on the authenticity of the synopsis and other material submitted by him, a high-level inquiry committee would be constituted comprising an academician, a retired judge of the High Court, and a serving or retired Vice-Chancellor of a university to be nominated by the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi."

The Vice-Chancellor said in the event of no reply or an unsatisfactory one from the minister, further action towards his disqualification would be considered and taken without any further notice. The minister has been asked to reply to the notice by May 17.

Giving background of the case, Dr. Ahluwalia said the minister had "arm-twisted" the university management to register him for Ph.D. The minister had turned his doctoral research into a farce, insisting that his signatures on the periodical report be obtained from him at Chandigarh. Dr. Ahluwalia said he had objected to the same. [VC issues notice to minister. *Tribune*. May 9, 2001: 3]

Four members of the Board of Post-Graduate Studies and Research in the faculty of Languages of Punjabi University on May 30, 2001 at Patiala recorded their dissent on a resolution moved by the Vice-Chancellor authorizing him to take any action, including disqualifying Higher Education Minister Mohan Lal from registering himself for Ph.D. in the institution in future. [4 dept. heads oppose VC's move. *Tribune*. May 31, 2001: 1, 18]

Mongia, R.S. (Justice)

Mr. Justice R.S. Mongia of the Punjab and Haryana High Court is taking over as the Chief Justice of the Guwahati High Court. He will be administered oath on June 6. According to sources, Mr. Justice Mongia had joined the Punjab and Haryana High Court as a Judge on June 15, 1990. [Mongia is CJ of Guwahati HC. *Tribune.* May 29, 2001: 3]

Moopanar, G.K.

G.K. Moopanar, 70, died on August 30, 2001. *India Today* writes about him under *King breaker*: Founder-president of the Tamil Maanila

Congress, Moopanar was forever a Congressman with a strong Kamaraj influence. Though tipped twice for the prime minister's job in the great uncertainty that was the 1990s, he somehow lost out. Moopanar will ultimately be known as the man who broke away from P.V. Narasimha Rao on the Jayalalitha question. The Congress still hasn't recovered. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 173]

Mukherjee, Hrishikesh

Famous film director, Hrishikesh Mukherjee was conferred Padma Bhushan by President K.R. Nrayanan on March 22, 2001. [Padma Bhushan for Amitabh Bachchan. *Tribune*. March 23, 2001: 24]

Mukherjee, M.S.

Former Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh, M.S. Mukherjee, died at Puttaparthi on November 16, 2001. He was 66 and is survived by his wife and son. His work as commissioner for Tribal Welfare in the state was significant. [Former HP Chief Secy dead. *Tribune*. November 18, 2001: 16]

Mungali, Girija Shankar (Lt. Col.)

Col. Girija Shankar Mungali is behind the latest river rafting mission, comprising 20 other Mountain Brigade rafters, across the Siang, the fastest mountain river in India, and one of the longest to negotiate in Asia with a current of 3.5 metres per second as compared to the current of 1 to 1.8 metres of Ganga at Rishikesh. Col. Mungali has already led two rafting missions over the Ganga and the Teesta. Col. Mungali, 49, is an avid paratrooper, mountaineer and rafter. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. June 2001: 157]

Mungeri Lal

Mungeri Lal, former Bihar minister and architect of the job quota scheme died of age related ailments. He was 91. Lal was the Chairman of the first commission constituted to identify the castes deserving reservation in government jobs. The Mungeri Lal Commission report formed the basis for the Mandal Commission report. [*India Today*. July 16, 2001: 16]

Murty, Sudha

Sudha Murty, wife of Infosys Chief, N.R. Narayana Murthy, a part-time lecturer in computer science, full-time social worker, a mother of two teenagers, a story-teller was in Mumbai to accept the Economic Times Corporate Citizen of the Year Award. This Award is in recognition of her work as a key-trustee of the Infosys Foundation. [The many facets of Sudha Murty. *Times of India*. August 13, 2001: 8]

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Nahata, Amrit

Former MP and producer of controversial film "Kissa Kursi Ka" passed away in New Delhi on April 26, 2001 after a brief illness. He was 74. Nahata is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. He was member of the sixth, seventh and eighth Lok Sabha. ['Kissa Kursi Ka' producer dead. *Tribune*. April 27, 2001: 8]

Naik, Ram

The CPM state secretary, Inderjit Singh, urged the President of India on June 25, 2001 at Rohtak to dismiss Union Petroleum Minister Ram Naik and order a probe by JPC into the scandalous distribution of petrol pumps and gas agencies to a number of BJP leaders and their close relatives. [Sack Petroleum Minister: CPM. *Tribune*. June 26, 2001: 6]

Naik, Sudhakar Rao

Sudhakar Rao Naik, 67 is no more. He has been Maharashtra Chief Minister from 1991 to 1993. He shifted allegiance from V. Patil to Sharad Pawar to P.V. Narasimha Rao and back to Pawar. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 174]

Naipaul, Vidiadhar Surajprasad

At long last the Swedish Academy had to give the Prize to V.S. Naipaul. The reason: "he has united perceptive narrative and incorruptible scrutiny in works that compel us to see the presence of suppressed histories". Yes, Naipaul has been traveling through the suppressed histories of 'half-made societies' translating his discoveries into genre-defying literature, a part of which an unsentimental memorial service to his ancestral home – India. Naipaul's civilizational Brahminism was the thing that earned him the Nobel. His criticism of Islam too was not born out of hate, it was a rejoinder to suppressed histories. [Civilisational man. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 78]

Nair, Mira

Mira Nair won the coveted Golden Lion Award for the Best Picture at the 58th Venice Film Festival on September 8, 2001. The film 'Monsoon Wedding' which has been directed by Mira Nair got her the Award. [*Tribune*. September 10, 2001]

Mira Nair won the Golden Lion at Venice for *Monsoon Wedding*. [*India Today*. December 31, 2001: 182]

Nair, Murali

Murali Nair's film *Oru Pattiyadu Divasam* (A dog's day) has been selected as the sole Indian film to be shown at this year's Cannes Film Festival starting from May 9, 2001. [*India Today*. May 14, 2001: 17]

Nambiar, Sukumar

Secretary of BJP's Tamil Nadu unit, Sukumar Nambiar, has been appointed as Treasurer of BJP. Nambiar is close to BJP President Jana Krishnamurthy and has recently lost Lok Sabha by-election from Trichuri. He has been appointed in place of V.P. Goyal who has been appointed as a minister in the Vajpayee cabinet recently. [Pradhan appointed BJP's Vice-President. *Tribune*. October 30, 2001: 6]

Narayan, R.K.

R.K. Narayan, the renowned novelist who put Indian fiction writing in English on the world map, passed away at the age of 95 in Chennai on May 13, 2001, following cardio-respiratory failure.

The celebrated novelist, brother of the equally talented cartoonist, R.K. Laxman, penned as many as 34 novels, including *My Days, Swami and Friends, The Guide*, *Bachelor of Arts*, *Malgudi Days*, *The Vendor of Sweets*, *The Dark Room*. Even as late as 1993, he wrote *Grand Mother's Tales* and *Salt and Sawdust* at the ripe age of 87.

A fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, (which conferred A.C. Bensen Award on him) and an honorary member of the American

Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, R.K. Narayan was nominated to Rajya Sabha in 1989 and was decorated with Padma Vibhushan in 2000.

Most of the condolence messages carried in the newspapers on the death of literary wizard R.K. Narayan have a common point: India has lost one of the finest authors it has produced. The contented genius in Narayan must be laughing at this at his final resting place. He walked on this land for 95 years—only five years short of a century—and contributed immensely to its literary growth with the unusual power of his pen. So much so that any description of literary India will be incomplete without a prominent mention of the creator of '*Malgudi Days*'. Of course, he is no longer in our midst in his physical form, one can always see him through his master pieces like "The Guide", "The Man-eater of Malgudi", "The World of Swami" and "The English Teacher". He had become a legend within a few years of his literary journey by bringing Indian fiction writing in English on to the world's literary map when he had still many years left to do the job of story-telling in his own inimitable style peppered with modest humour. He was a class by himself, as he preferred to weave his wordy fabric the way it could reflect the Indian ethos, the reality in this part of the world, and not how the West wanted it. yet today he has as many admirers in the developed world as there are in the land of his birth.

He was a man of conviction and did not bother about rewards. Two incidents can be given in support of this argument. One, he could not score enough marks in the college admission test in his favourite subject, English. Yet he did not lose heart and secured entry into the portals of the college of his choice in Mysore, from where he did his graduation. Two, he shifted from journalism to fiction writing at a time when no one could think of making one's ends meet in the difficult sea of words. Only the really talented could think of surviving its tidal wave. Narayan charted that sea effortlessly like a great navigator. Nothing could frighten him, not even the initial rejection of the manuscript of some of his admired works. One of the honours that came his way was the membership of the Rajya Sabha. He used it for a cause so dear to him: to reduce the burden on the back of school children. He continued his fight against heavy schoolbags, which, he was convinced, could never excite the minds or imaginations of little ones. He died without achieving success in this area. Obviously, the school children will miss him more than the millions of his admirers the world over. [Death of literary genius. *Tribune*. May 15, 2001: 10]

R.K. Narayan, 95, died on May 13, 2001. Under *Malgudi Man* heading the *India Today* writes: Malgudi was the mythical fiefdom from where R.K. Narayan ruled the Indo-Anglian literary scape. The town that figures in his writings and featured a simple, provincial life summed up his work – simple and traditional much like the man himself. Recipient of the Padma Bhushan and a Rajya Sabha member, he has 14 novels, novellas and short stories to his credit, with much of his work translated into several languages. After initial literary rejections, he was mentored by Graham Greene and rose to fame despite his ironical disdain for academics. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 170]

Narayana Murthy, N.R.

N.R. Narayana Murthy, Infosys Chairman, bettered his position to 27 this year as compared to 40 last years among Asia's top –50 influential communicators, according to the *Asiaweek* survey. Terming Infosys Chief as India's ethical software king, the *Asiaweek* says: Murthy keeps one message high on his agenda: Do business ethically and legally. [Infosys Chief ranked 27th in Asia. *Tribune*, June 11, 2001: 16]

Natarajan, R. (Prof.)

Prof. R. Natarajan, former Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai, has joined as Chairman of the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE). He will be Council Chief for a period of three years.

Prof. Natarajan is Ph.D. from University of Waterloo, Canada. He is member of several national committees dealing with technical education. [*Hindu*. November 20, 2001: 3]

Nayar, Sushila

Sushila Nayar, a veteran social worker, died at Sewagram in Wardha (Maharashtra) on January 3, 2001. She was 86.

Sushila Nayar was the personal physician of Mahatma Gandhi and the sister of Pyarelal, the Secretary of Mahatma. She was the first Health Minister in 1952. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. February 2001: 147]

Nazareth, Samir

Samir Nazareth, the only Indian among 15 Greenpeace activists around the world who are facing falony and conspiracy charges following a peaceful protest against US President George W. Bush's missile defence system on July 14 this year, arrived New Delhi on November 12, 2001 from Los Angeles. Nazareth got bail on $25,000 and was permitted to travel to India after naming the sureties. On November 17, 2001, with his father, Nazareth left for Nagpur his home town.

Born to Retd. Wing Commander Stanley and Amalia Nazareth, Samir is a post-graduate in economics from Pondicherry University. What happened to be a final semester report turned out to be a cause for Samir as he took up Solid Waste Management Issues through the small but well-known NGO *Shrishti* here.

Samir's romance with Rainbow Warrior, the flagship of Greenpeace, is a long one and not restricted to just this one crusade. He has already been aboard the ship for the 'No More Bhopals and Toxic Free Asia Campaign'. Commencing from Mumabi, he cruised across the Thai coastal belt, including Bangkok to Manila, Phillipines and the Japan. [India's Greenpeace warrior back home. *Tribune*. November 18, 2001: 8]

Nehru, B.K.

Retired Civil servant, B.K. Nehru said in New Delhi on May 9, 2001 that the words attributed to him in Katherine Frank's book on Indira Gandhi, as saying that M.O. Mathai's alleged affairs with Indira Gandhi 'was more fact than fiction' are wholly untrue. [Words attributed to me not true, says B.K. Nehru. *Tribune*. May 10, 2001: 8]

B.K. Nehru, a distinguished civil servant, an outstanding diplomat and a former president of the Tribune Trust died at Military Hospital, Kasauli (H.P.) on October 13, 2001. He was 92. Nehru belonged to the illustrious Nehru family and was a recipient of the Padma Vibushan. Educated at Allahabad University, London School of Economics, and at Oxford, he became a Barrister-at-Law from Inner Temple, London before joining the Indian Civil Service in 1934.

He represented India at the post-World War II Reparatins Conference and the Sterling Balances negotiations with Britain. He served

Ambassador in the USA and as High Commissioner in the U.K. He was also offered the post of U.N. Secretary-General, but he refused it. He was the Governor of Assam, Kashmir and Gujarat. He was also the Chairman of the Investment Committee of the United Nations for 14 years. In 1984 the Panjab University, Chandigarh conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Literature (honoris causa) for his distinguished services in different fields. From 1996 to 2000 he has been the president of the Tribune Trust.

Nehru has also been the chairperson of various trusts and boards including the Hindustan Oil Exploration Co. Ltd., the Indian Advisory Board of ANZ Grindlays Bank, the Dyal Singh College Trust, Dyal Singh Library Trust. He was also the Vice-Chairman of the Vienna Institute for Development and a member of the International Advisory Council of the Vienna Institute for Development and Cooperation.

Nehru was the author of the book: *Nice Guys Finish Second*, a record of truly remarkable life marked by the kind of integrity and wisdom one seldom finds today.

- *Tribune*. November 1, 2001: 1, 18.
- *Times of India*. November 1, 2001.

B.K. Nehru, 92 is no more states the *India Today*, and adds, "Distinguished diplomat, former Governor of Gujarat and senior most member of Nehru clan, he was the recipient of the Padma Vibhushan". [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 174]

Nirupam, Sanjay

Shiv Sena MP, Sanjay Nirupam made a scathing attack on the UTI functioning in the Rajya Sabha on July 30, 2001. Speaking during the short duration discussion on the working of the UTI with a special reference to the sale and purchase of US-64 mentioned number 9810180481 as the one, which has been traced to the PMO. He said calls had been made to Mr. Subramanyam from number 3011718 which had been traced to the Planning Commission. He said that the government should come out with details of the conversations the former UTI Chief had with its officials.

- UTI Chief gave calls at PMO: Sena. *Tribune*. July 31, 2001: 16.

- No PMO role in UTI muddle: Vajpayee. *Tribune*. August 2, 2001: 1.
- Poor response to UTI package; investors angry demand action against guilty. *Tribune*. August 2, 2001: 1.
- No PMO hand in UTI mess, says Vajpayee. *Times of India*. August 2, 2001: 1.
- Nirupam: I was forced to apologise. *Times of India*. August 10, 2001: 1

Nohria, K.K.

K.K. Nohria, was elected as Alternate President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM) on January 16, 2001. He is the Chairman of Crompton Greaves. Before his election as Alternate President of ASSOCHAM, Nohria was the Deputy President of ASSOCHAM. [*Tribune*. February 17, 2001: 15]

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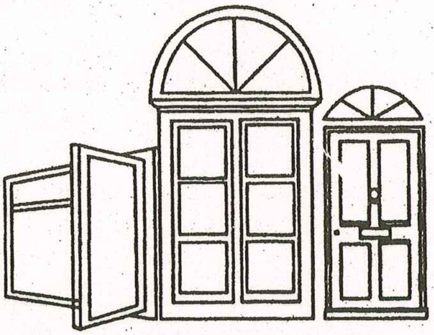

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O Bem Bem

O Bem Bem of Manipur has been adjudged as the ‘player of the year’ in the Women’s section by the All India Football Federation (AIFF) on December 30, 2001 at a meeting of the general body and special meeting at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi. It was for the first time that a female player was being given the ‘Player of the Year’ award. Bem Bem will be given cash prize of Rs.15,000/-. Announcement to this effect was made by AIFF Secretary Alberto Colaco.

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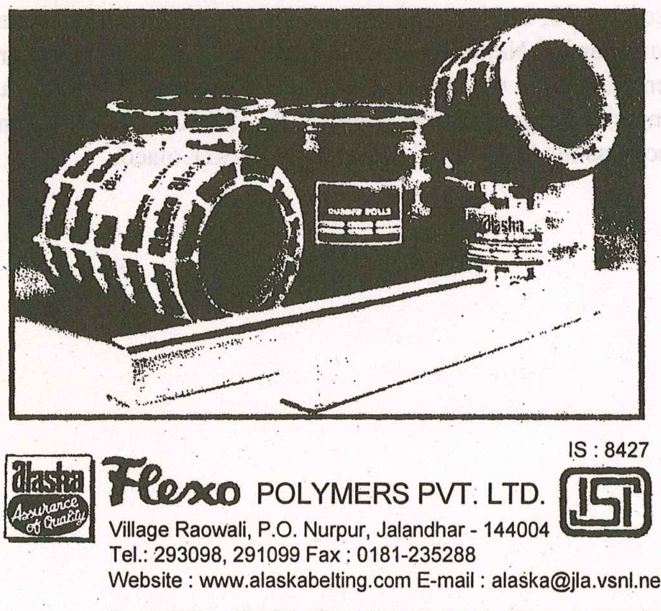

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Padmanabhan, S. (Gen.)

The Chief of Army Staff, Gen. S. Padmanabhan on December 28, 2001 was handed the baton of the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC) by the Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Sushil Kumar. Admiral Kumar retired on December 29, 2001. General Padmanabhan, the senior most of the three chiefs took over as Chairman, COSC, on December 31, 2001. [Padmanabhan handed baton of COSC Chairman. *Tribune*. December 29, 2001: 8].

Pande, Atmaram

Veteran freedom fighter, former member of the Buldhana Municipal Council and senior journalist Atmaram Pande died on March 19, 2001 following a brief illness. He was 83. Fondly known as Pande ji, he was felicitated with the coveted Balshastri Jambhekar Award for his devotion and valuable contribution to the field of journalism. [Freedom fighter dead. *Tribune*. March 21, 2001: 8]

Panja, Ajit Kumar

When Trinamool Congress supremo, Mamata Banerjee insulted her party colleague Ajit Kumar Panja, then Union Minister of State for External Affairs, forcing him to part company with her, it was generally believed that the second most important leader of the four-year old regional political organization would not survive the grievous blow he had received. But within a few days he has proved the sceptics wrong. He has acquired enough skill to sail to safety when his ship is under attack.

Being an expert theatre artist, he dramatized how Ms. Banerjee had ill-treated him in the presence of the Trinamool rank and file and succeeded in winning sympathies within the organization from which he had been virtually thrown out. Soon party MP Nitish Sengupta came to his side. Mr. Sengupta is a former bureaucrat. It is believed that another bureaucrat-turned-politician and Trinamool member of the Lok Sabha, Mr. Bikram Sarkar, is anxiously waiting for the election results to jump over to Mr. Panja's bandwagon. That will mean a group of three MPs deserting the Trinamool Congress, having a strength of nine in the Lok Sabha. A clear split to save them from the anti-defection law.

Mr. Panja lost his ministerial position after Ms. Banerjee withdrew her party's support to the NDA government. But he has been maintaining that he is very much part of the BJP-led coalition at the Centre. His stand has earned him a place in the good books of Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee. During the election campaign in West Bengal he shared dais with Mr. Vajpayee and worked for the success of NDA candidates, giving a tough time to Ms. Banerjee.

Despite his unceremonious removal from the Trinamool Congress, which he built brick by brick with Ms. Banerjee, Mr. Panja is an upbeat. [Panja's survival strategy. *Tribune*. May 10, 2001: 10]

Pannu, Balbir Singh

Senior Vice-President of the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC), Balbir Singh Pannu died in a road accident on the GT-Lucknow road under the Fatehganj (East) police station about 40 kilometers from Bareilly (UP) on February 16, 2001. Mr. Pannu was on his way to Lucknow from Bareilly when his Toyota Qualis collided with a speeding bus from the opposite direction. [SGPC Vice-Chief Pannu dead. Tribune. February 17, 2001: 1]

Parekh, Ketan

Ketan Parekh, the 38-year-old Mumbai-based leading stockbroker of the country was arrested by CBI on March 30, 2001 in connection with the Rs.137 crore pay order scam. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. May 2001: 152]

CBI spokesman S.M. Khan said that the latest reports indicated that the fraud could be to the tune of Rs.843 crore, affecting three nationalised banks – Bank of India, State Bank of India and Union Bank of India. Parekh's pay order of Rs.130 crore to the Bank of India issued by

Madhavpura Mercantile Cooperative Bank has bounced. The Bank of India filed a complaint with the CBI on March 29, 2001 night and a case of cheating and forgery was registered against Ketan Parekh. His several premises were raided and then he was arrested on March 30, 2001. Other brokers under scrutiny are Kirti Kumar Parekh and Kartik Parekh, both related to Ketan. The institutions raided were: Panther Investment Traders, Panther Fincop and Management Service, Classic Private Limited, Chitarkoot Computers Private Ltd. and Nakshatra Software Pvt. Ltd. All of these are linked with Ketan Parekh.

- Rs. 843 cr. fraud leads to blood-bath at bourses: Big bull Ketan Parekh held following raids. *Times of India*. March 31, 2001: 1.
- Markets tumble, Parekh held. *Tribune*. March 31, 2001: 1.
- CBI raids on firms. *Tribune*. March 31, 2001: 1.

Stock broker Ketan Parekh, arrested for his complicity in misappropriation of funds belonging to the Madhavpura Mercantile Cooperative Bank, was produced before an Ahmedabad Court on August 17, 2001. The court further remanded him to CBI custody till August 24, 2001.

Parekh, Ramesh

Ramesh Parekh, Chairman of Madhavpura Mercantile Cooperative Bank (MMCB) was arrested on April 5, 2001 for his alleged role in conniving with leading stock broker Ketan Parekh and others to defraud Bank of India to the tune of Rs.137 crores in a pay-order scam. He was remanded to the CBI custody till April 9, 2001 by special judge, A.R. Joshi. [Ramesh Parekh remanded. *Tribune.* April 7, 2001: 14]

Paroda, R.S. (Dr.)

Dr. R.S. Paroda has been appointed as the head of the World Bank funded Agricultural Development Programme for Central Asia and the Cancasus. This programme involves eight countries of the Central Asian region to strengthen their agricultural research system focusing on food security, poverty reduction and conservation of natural resources. Nine of the 16 international agricultural research institutes of the consultative group on international agricultural research are supporting this programme in a consortium mode.

Since 1994 Dr. Paroda has been the Director-General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Agricultural Research and Education. [*Tribune*, June 16, 2001: 15]

Paswan, Ram Vilas

Communication Minister Ram Vilas Paswan on December 31, 2000 released a set of four commemorative postage stamps on Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan, Raja Bhamashah, Rajarshi Bhagyachandra and Gen. Zorawar Singh. These stamps issued by the Department of Posts are in the denomination of Rs.3/- each. [*Tribune*. January 2, 2001: 6]

The Union Minister for communication and the President of the Lok Janshakti Party released a commemorative postal stamp on Guru Ravi Dass at Ludhiana on June 24, 2001. Addressing a *jan jagran* rally, he said his party would launch a nationwide stir from August 1 to August 9 to mobilize public opinion for the inclusion of 'right to employment' among the fundamental rights. [Paswan to launch nationwide stir. *Tribune*. June 25, 2001: 4]

Patankar, Dipali

Dipali Patankar (Vardehi Dikshit after marriage), a former national Kho-Kho player was hacked to death by some assailants at her residence in Indore on July 26, 2001. Dipali Patankar had represented Madhya Pradesh in various national level Kho-Kho championships between 1987 and 1994. [Kho-Kho champ murdered. *Times of India*. July 28, 2001: 1]

Pataudi, Mansur Ali Khan

Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi, the legendary cricketer of India, has been named for C.K. Nayudi Award for the year 2001. [*Tribune*. September 10, 2001]

Patel, Kripashankar

City based international wrestler Kripashankar Patel has been included in the Indian team for the 35th world freestyle senior wrestling championship to be held at Sofia from November 22.

The other members of the team are Sushil Kumar (58 kg), Pavan Kumar (63 kg), Jai Bhagwan (69 kg), Sujit Maan (76 kg), Amandeep Sondhi (85 kg), Shamsher Singh (97 kg) and Palvinder Cheema (130 kg). Referees Shivlal and Roshanlal, Physio V.K. Pathak, massager Bhupendra Singh, manager Deshraj Singh and Russian coach Istanleharlo are the other members of the Indian squad.

Pathak, Premlata

Ms. Premlata Pathak has been honoured with 'Member of the British Empire (MBE) for her services in the healthcare sector. Ms. Pathak is a medical practitioner in Cheshire. The honour was conferred on Premlata Pathak by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II on December 30, 2000. [*Tribune.* January 1, 2001: 7]

Patkar, Medha (Ms.)

A contempt petition was filed on January 5, 2001 in the Supreme Court for initiating contempt proceedings against Ms. Medha Patkar, Leader, Narmada Bachao Andolan, Ms. Arundhati Roy, Booker Prize Winner, in connection with the alleged "dharna gherao" organised at the entry gate of the Supreme Court premises on December 13, 2000 in protest against the court's judgement permitting construction of the Sardar Sarovar Dam under certain conditions. [Contempt plea filed against Medha. *Tribune.* January 6, 2001: 8]

Narmada Bachao Andolan activist Medha Patkar stood by the views expressed in her affidavit and dared the Supreme Court on August 2, to proceed against her if it found the remarks contemptuous.

Talking exception to the tenor of her affidavit filled in response to the contempt notice, the Court had observed that the tenor of the affidavit may itself he contemptuous. Senior advocate Shanti Bhushan told the Court in this regards on behalf of Medha Patkar: "If this is contempt then send her to jail. She is ready for it." [Medha, Arundhati dare S. Court. *Tribune.* August 3, 2001: 18]

Patnaik, Pathani (Prof.)

Noted Oriya writer and State Sahitya Akademi President, Pathani Patnaik has been awarded the Sahitya Bharati Samman, the highest literary award of the Orissa State. The Samman which carried a cash reward of Rs.1 lakh and a silver emblem of Sun Temple of Konark was presented to Patnaik for his literary achievements by former Chief Minister J.B. Patnaik on behalf of the Gangadhar Rath Foundation at a function in Cuttack on January 28, 2001. [Oriya writer awarded. *Tribune*. January 30, 2001: 6]

Patnaik, Sharad

Sharad Patnaik, at present the Vice-President of the Orissa Pradesh Congress Committee, has been appointed as the Orissa Pradesh Congress President, replacing veteran Congress Leader Janaki Ballabh Patnaik who stepped down from the post on October 19. Patnaik is 45.

Paul, Swaraj (Lord)

Lord Swaraj Paul, an eminent NRI and ambassador for British business said in New Delhi on August 6, 2001 that India was still regarded as a difficult country to do business with. "Global investment was a competitive business. Investors have to be persuaded to opt for India rather than, say, Brazil or China," Paul said at a meeting of the Indo-British Partnership, organized by Assocham. He pointed out the huge potential for increasing mutual ties between the two nations in the area of IT and electronics.

Paul said that Britain was India's natural IT partner in Europe as 63 percent of the total number of foreign nationals who were granted permission to enter the UK on the basis of their IT qualifications last year were Indians. [It is difficult to do business with India: Lord Paul. *Times of India*. August 7, 2001: 16]

Moscow University has decided to confer a Doctorate on the leading NRI industrialist Lord Swaraj Paul. The University said Lord Paul would be made an honorary Doctor of the State University of Management. Lord Paul, Chairman of the 500-million-pound, Caparo Group, and Chancellor of Wolverhampton University in the UK will be awarded the degree at a ceremony to be held sometime early next year. [Another honour for Swaraj Paul. *Tribune*. November 19, 2001: 9]

Pendse, Dilip

Dilip Pendse, former MD of Tata Finance Ltd., was charged of criminal conspiracy, falsification of accounts, forgery and criminal breach of trust in the FIR filed by Tatas. Pendse was sacked last month. Smelling action against him, Pendse fled the country on July 22, 2001. Tatas wanted that steps be taken to revoke the passport of Dilip Pendse and he should be brought back to India to face this investigation and other proceedings. [Tatas file FIR against Dilip Pendse, five others. *Times of India*. August 8, 2001: 13]

Phadke, Sonal

Sonal Phadke ousted Nandita Chandrasekhar 6-3, 7-5 in a first round match of the IFT Women's Master's Tournament at the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association Court in New Delhi on June 25, 2001. [Sonal maintains winning streak. *Tribune*. June 26, 2001: 19]

Phool, Vijay Kumar

District and sessions judge Vijay Kumar Phool was killed on December 5, 2001 when militants ambushed his vehicle and fired at him in Poonch district. This is the second time since militancy began that a judge has been killed. Over a decade ago, militants had killed the judge who had sentenced JKLF Chairman, Maqbool Butt to death.

- Judge, three others shot; 27 CRPF men hurt in blast. *Times of India*. December 6, 2001: 1.
- Sessions Judge shot dead. *Tribune*. December 6, 2001: 1.

Phoolan Devi

Smajwadi Party MP and former 'bandit queen' Phoolan Devi was shot dead on July 25, 2001 at about 1:30 p.m. outside her official Ashoka Road residence in New Delhi by three unidentified assailants. She was MP from Mirzapur in U.P. Her Personal Security Officer, though injured, returned the fire, but assailants managed to escape.

The 39-year old Phoolan Devi belonged to Gurhaka Purva, a small village on the banks of the Yamuna. With 48 criminal cases, including 22 murders against her, Phoolan tried hard to be a *janta ki sevaka*. But her foray into politics was toothless and uneventful. Important landmarks in her life were as follows. On February 14, 1981 she gunned down 20 upper caste Thakurs in Behmai village in U.P., getting instant notoriety. She was then a bandit, untamed, aggressive and wild. The caste-wars and gender exploitation had pushed her in this life. In 1983 she surrendered before the M.P. Chief Minister and was sent to Gwalior jail. In 1994 she entered politics with the backing of then U.P. Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav who withdrew all the criminal cases pending against Phoolan Devi. In 1996 she was formally inducted into the Samajwadi Party and as the nominee of this Party contested for the Bhadohi seat in general elections.

The assailants who had been waiting near the gate to Phoolan Devi's residence opened fire on her and her PSO, when she returned from Lok Sabha for lunch. They walked a short distance and got into their waiting green Maruti car. The killers abandoned the car at a short distance. From there they escaped in a waiting three-wheeler leaving behind their weapons and their personal articles.

- *Tribune*. July 26, 2001: 1.
- *Times of India*. July 26, 2001: 1.
- Phoolan Devi shot dead in Delhi. *Tribune*. July 26, 2001: 1, 16.
- Parliament adjourned. *Tribune*. July 26, 2001: 1.
- Amar Singh blames murder on U.P. Government. *Tribune*. July 26, 2001: 1.
- Bandit Queen felled in heart of Delhi. *Times of India*. July 26, 2001: 1.
- Kazmi, Nikhat. Beating them back. *Times of India*. July 26, 2001: 1.
- Leaders, MPs pay homage to Phoolan at RML Hospital. *Times of India*. July 26, 2001: 4.
- She received threat calls regularly. *Times of India*. July 26, 2001: 4.
- Phoolan's husband grilled; Pankaj hospitalized; 3 suspects still at large. *Tribune*. July 30, 2001: 1, 13.
- Phoolan's party seek fair probe. *Tribune*. July 30, 2001: 12.
- Umed grilled on Phoolan murder. *Times of India*. July 30, 2001: 1.
- Two guns found in Phoolan's house. *Times of India*. July 31, 2001: 1.
- Phoolan's staff may be involved, say police. *Times of India*. August 1, 2001: 1.
- Phoolan murder case update. *Times of India*. August 1, 2001: 1.
- Kapur, Sohila. Sadhvi Phoolan. *Times of India*. August 1, 2001: 10.
- Phoolan had full security, Advani. *Tribune*. August 1, 2001: 8.

- High drama over property; Phoolan's husband, sister trade charges. *Tribune.* August 2, 2001: 1.
- Phoolan's killing not political, Advani. *Tribune.* August 2, 2001: 8.
- Umed for trust, family cries foul. *Times of India.* August 2, 2001: 1.
- Phoolan murder case: 2 more held. *Tribune.* August 3, 2001: 1.

Phoolan phenomenon is nothing more than the creation of the media. Biographers and filmmakers have created a larger than life phantom personality to titillate the public and get commercial mileage out of this creation. Filmmaker Dhruv Kumar speaks to MPK Kutty about the real Phoolan Devi and answers his queries about Bandit Queen. [Larger-than-life Phoolan. *Times of India.* August 9, 2001: 10]

Phoolan Devi, 38, was killed on July 25, 2001 in New Delhi outside her official residence. *India Today* writes under *Iron Maiden*: from a victim of casteist excesses to the rampaging bandit.... to finally a brutal killing outside her Delhi residence. With her death ended the jolting journey that truly began after her retributive massacre of Thakurs in Behmai, Western Uttar Pradesh, two decades ago. Controversy clung to her even in death with debate over the motive of killing and a vicious property battle between her husband and parental family. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 169]

Pillai, Rajan

CBI initiates probe into the death of Biscuit King Rajan Pillai in police custody in 1995, on the directions of the Supreme Court. Rajan's wife Neena Pillai had alleged that her husband was the victim of a criminal conspiracy hatched by industrialist Nusli Wadia, godman Chandraswami and US investor Ross Johnson. Rajan Pillai died under mysterious circumstances in a hospital while in police custody. Doctors had said that he died of liver cirrhosis. [CBI begins probe into Pillai's death. *Tribune.* February 17, 2001: 8]

Piramal, M.L.

M.L. Piramal, 69 is no more now. Chairman of Piramal Spinning and Weaving Mills Ltd. he died a week after attempting suicide reportedly due to heavy losses in business. [The year's passages. *India Today.* December 31, 2001: 174]

Pooja Devi

The discipline of women's boxing, introduced in the National Games for the first time, commenced at Polo Grounds at Patiala on November 21, 2001. On day one, the spotlight was held by the fast moving Pooja Devi of Haryana, who worked hard to quell a spirited challenge put up by her opponent, Sindhumol of Kerala, beating her 11-10 in one of the most enthralling bouts of the day. Leading 8-5 in the third round, the Haryana boxer put up a tremendous fight and managed to come back strongly in the contest to draw level at 9-9. However, it was in the fourth round that Pooja came into her own and reeled off two successive points to win the bout 11-10. [Pooja wins opening bout. *Tribune*. November 22, 2001: 14]

Prabhakar, Manoj

Manoj Prabhakar is on the run from the law for his alleged involvement in a Rs.50 crore chit fund scam. He is a director of the Apace Group of companies, which is said to have duped thousands of small investors in Uttranchal. The lower court at Haldwani in Nainital has issued a non-bailable warrants against him.

Prabhakar is an authorized signatory of APS Nidhi and Finance Ltd., an associate company of the Lucknow-based Apace. Prabhakar's cosmetics company Naturence is also a part of the Apace group. It is said that he toured extensively in Nainital, Kumaon and Almora urging the people to deposit their money in APS Nidhi and his cricketer status helped reassure the people, and the promise of high returns proved hard to resist. In 1999 when investors failed to get, they went to court against Prabhakar for cheating. The former Test Cricketer claims that his signatures are forged. Haldwani court has summoned him to match his signatures with those on the documents. But he did not turn up, resulting the issuance of non-bailable warrants against him. [Bindra, Prerna S. On the run. *The Week*. June 17, 2001: 27]

Pradeep Kumar

Noted actor Pradeep Kumar passed away in Kolkata on October 27, 2001. He was born in Kolkata in 1923 as Sheetal. His father was the District Magistrate in the city and his grandfather was the founder of Sanskrit College. After leaving college in 1942 Pradeep Kumar, who had earlier shown a keen interest in acting, did a play called 'Matir Ghar'. In

1944 he met a prominent film-maker Devki Bose and invited him to one of his plays. Bose impressed by his acting, offered him a role in his next film and gave Sheetal his screen name Pradeep Kumar. His first film in Bengali was 'Alakananda'. He came to Mumbai in 1949 and S. Mukherjee cast him in Filmstan Productions on a three-year contract. His first Hindi film was 'Anand Math'. He continued in Mumbai film industry till 1994. Tall and fair, the debonair Pradeep Kumar, with his moustache always trimmed to perfection, was a favourite with women.

Among his most memorable films were *Taj Mahal* and *Anarkali* with Bina Rai, *Raat Aur Din* with Nargis, *Nagin* with Vyajanthimala, *Subha Ka Tara* with Geeta Bali and *Shirin Farhad* with Madhubala. His film *Bandhan* with Meena Kumari and Moti Lal was awarded the President's certificate of merit. *Bhau Begam* was another of his noteworthy films. *Jaagte Raho* with Raj Kapoor and *Raat Aur Din* with Nargis were also award winners. He also did many regional films in Bhojpuri, Gujarati and Rajasthani.

Pradeep Kumar was also involved in film production. He made *Police Story, Gateway of India, Badsha, Ek Naya Sajan* and *Fashion* with Madhubala, *Miss India, Adalat* and *Raat Aur Din* with Nargis and *Ek Mangetar* and *Sajna Sath Nibhana* with Nutan. [Pradeep excelled in 'royal' roles. *Tribune*. October 29, 2001: 8]

Pradeep Kumar, 78, is no more writes *India Today* and adds: He rode to fame with the 1953 hit *Anarkali*. Never a superstar, the Bengali actor held his own in the 1950s and '60s with historicals like *Taj Mahal* and *Chitralekha*. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 173]

Pradhan, Devendra (Dr.)

Dr. Devendra Pradhan has been appointed as the Vice-President of BJP National Party. Dr. Pardhan has been accommodated in the vacancy arisen due to the appointment of Mr. Kariya Munda as a Cabinet Minister at the centre. Dr. Devendra Pardhan was earlier dropped from the Vajpayee cabinet as the Minister of State for Agriculture. [*Tribune*. October 30, 2001: 6]

Prajapat, Inder

Inder Prajapat (42) general Secretary of the Madhya Pradesh Congress on July 29, 2001 at Bhopal shot at and wounded another party general secretary, Manak Agarwal, suspecting him to be behind a newspaper report about his second marriage to a dancer from Ujjain. Party leadership removed Prajapat form the post of general secretary and also cancelled his primary membership. Prajapat has been booked for attempt to murder. [MP Cong. Gen. Secy shoots at another Secy. *Tribune*. July 30, 2001: 1]

Prasad, T.R.

Cabinet Secretary to the GOI, T.R. Prasad, of 1963 batch of Andhra Pradesh cadre of the IAS was due to retire in July 2001. The Union Cabinet, however, extended his tenure for two more years by changing the service rules in public interest.

It is said that Prasad has the support of the A.P. Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, the Supremo of Telugu Desham Party (TDP). TDP has 28 seats in the Parliament and extended support to the NDA from outside, and for this Mr. Naidu secures his pound of flesh from the Centre. Naidu wanted A.P.'s police chief to be appointed as the Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) but did not succeed. He has been now accommodated in the case of Cabinet Secretary. [Changing rules for Andhra's Prasad. *Tribune*. June 28, 2001: 10]

Prasada, Jitendra

Senior Congress leader, Jitendra Prasada, 62, passed away in New Delhi's Apollo Hospital following a cardiac arrest on January 16, 2001. He recently came into public gaze by becoming the first person to openly challenge, Mrs. Sonia Gandhi, a member of the Nehru-Gandhi family for the party's presidential race. Prasada served as Political Secretary to Mr. Rajiv Gandhi and Mr. P.V. Narasimha Rao when they were party presidents. [Jitendra Prasad dead. *Tribune*. January 17, 2001: 1]

Jitendra Prasada, 62, is now no more. Uttar Pradesh's unsung aristocrat, he was the dissident who unsuccessfully stood up to Sonia, yet could never be disloyal to the Congress, died of a brain stroke. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 174]

Puar, J.S. (Dr.)

Former Vice-Chancellor of Punjabi University, Patiala, Dr. J.S. Puar is facing a case against him and his colleagues since July 12, 1999 under the Prevention of Corruption Act for misappropriating funds during National Science Conference in 1996 and for illegal appointments and promotions. A local court has framed charges against them on October 30, 2001. [Charges framed against Puar. *Times of India*. October 31, 2001: 8]

Puri, M.M. (Dr.)

Dr. M.M. Puri, former Vice-Chancellor of the Panjab University, Chandigarh, has written to the Chancellor and Vice-President of India, complaining that his successor, Dr. K.N. Pathak was framing charges against him. Dr. Puri has also levelled some allegations against Pathak, including leaking reports to the media.

Dr. Puri, who has been nailed by two-high level inquiry committees recently for financial irregularities and lavish spending during his term as VC from 1997 to 2000, faces the prospect of the money, which run into several lakh, being recovered form him. A panel of Justice D.V. Sehgal and Punjab's Principal Accountant-General Ms. M. Chatterjee had recently recommended to the University to recover the amount from Puri. M.G. Sharma, University's Finance & Development Officer, is already under suspension on this account. [Puri writes to Chancellor, complains of witch-hunt. *Times of India*. August 21, 2001: 4]

Puri, S.S.

S.S. Puri (74), an IAS officer of the 1949 batch of Punjab cadre passed away on December 30, 2001. He was one of the most distinguished bureaucrats who served in the highest positions in India and abroad. He served as Union Agricultural Secretary and Secretary to the Planning Commission. He was also the Chief Secretary of Punjab and Ambassador of India to EEC. [Ex-bureaucrat S.S. Puri dead. *Tribune*. December 31, 2001: 6]

Purohit, Sanjay

Purohit and some of his family members are to face prosecution for allegedly taking Rs.40 lakh for allotting land meant for rehabilitation of Pong Dam oustees in Rajasthan. Sanjay Purohit and his family members have been charge-sheeted for having properties disproportionate to their known sources of income. Announcement to this effect was made by

Rajasthan State's Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on December 4, 2001. [IAS officer, kin booked. *Tribune*. December 6, 2001: 8]

Purwar, A.R.

A.R. Purwar, an IRS officer of 1971 batch, and serving as Income Tax Commissioner (Appeals), was arrested by CBI from Piramal Chambers in Mumbai on June 25, 2001 while accepting a bribe of Rs.50,000 from an income tax assessee. [Commissioner held for accepting bribe. *Tribune*. June 26, 2001: 8]

The CBI has registered a case against A.R. Purwar, Commissioner (Appeals), Income Tax, for allegedly possessing assets to the tune of Rs.228.91 lakh, disproportionate to his known sources of income, in New Delhi on December 14, 2001.

The accused, A.R. Purwar, a 1971-batch Indian Revenue Service Officer, "has abused his official positions as public servant and accumulated huge assets either in his name or in the name of his wife and relatives". [CBI case against IT officer. *Tribune*. December 15, 2001: 8]

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Quadir, Ghulam

Ghulam Quadir, a shepherd discovered a cave temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, near Chandanwari Amarnath area in South Kashmir. This cave temple complex is stated to be established between 800 and 1500 years ago, and is located in a rocky position of a meadow called Shiv Marg. There are at least three caves that comprise the complex. The main one is ten feet high, about 15 feet wide and 20 feet deep, and has a whitish stone bust of Shiva about a foot high. Tourism ministry hopes that the discovery – so close to the Amarnath cave – would become yet another pilgrim centre. [*The Times of India*. September 9, 2001: 5]

Quraishi, S.Y. (Dr.)

An IAS officer of 1971 batch, Dr. S.Y. Quraishi has been appointed Director-General of Doordarshan. He is presently the Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister of Haryana. Dr. Quraishi has held several senior positions in the government as Joint Secretary for Youth Affairs at the Centre, Director-General of the Nehru Yuvak Kendra, national coordinator in youth action on AIDs and so on. His areas of specialisation are social marketing, developmental communication, AIDS and youth affairs. He also holds a doctorate in Social Marketing. His term will be of three years. [S.Y. Quraishi appointed DG, Doordarshan. *Tribune*. December 29, 2001: 20]

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Raghunath, K.

K. Raghunath is India's new Ambassador to Russia. He is 1962 batch IFS officer. He is not new to Russia. From 1975 to 1980 he served in the Indian Embassy in Moscow with distinction. Mr. Raghunath is a senior and seasoned diplomat and has been India's Foreign Secretary. He has been a keen student of Russian affairs. His fluency in Russian besides in French and German could be his most valuable assets in his efforts to strengthen the bridges of understanding between the Russians and the Indians. His new assignment as India's new Ambassador to Russia is very crucial in view of India's supportive stance on the American national missile defence plan, to which Russia is strongly opposed.

- India's new pointman in Moscow. *Tribune*. May 15, 2001: 10.
- *Tribune* May 17, 2001: 1.

Raghunathan, M.S. (Prof.)

Eminent mathematician Prof. Raghunathan, presently associated with the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) has been elected as the Fellow of the Royal Society of London. Prof. Raghunathan joins the elite club in which legendary S. Ramanujan, Harish Chandra, C.S. Seshadri, M.S. Narasimhan and S.R.S. Varadhan were elected. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. December, 2001: 160]

Raghvan, R.K.

Bangalore bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal on February 8, 2001 quashed the appointment of Raghavan as Director of CBI and directed the government of India to find a new chief in two months. Raghvan is due to retire by the end of the April. Central Administrative

Tribunal's Bangalore bench held Raghvan's appointment as unsustainable. The order of the CAT came on an application filed by Karnataka Director-General of Police, C. Dinakar, who had challenged Raghavan's appointment.

The Bench, in its 25-page order, directed the Union Cabinet Secretary to immediately initiate and complete the selection process of an IPS officer for the post of CBI Director in accordance with the law laid down by the Supreme Court. [Raghvan's appointment quashed. *Tribune.* February 9, 2001: 1]

Rajagopalan, R.

R. Rajagopalan, a 1965 batch IPS officer took over as the director-general of the elite National Security Guard on August 20, 2001. Earlier his shifting from Tamil Nadu to centre was delayed by the initial reluctance of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalitha. [New NSG Chief. *Times of India.* August 21, 2001: 1]

Rajasekharan Pillai, V.N.

Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam (Kerala) V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai has been exonerated after years-long legal battle. He was proceeded against over the University's purchase of a 3.59 acre plot in Cheruvandoor.

Rajashekaran Thampi, R.

Noted freedom fighter and CPI leader R. Rajashekaran Thampi, died at his residence at Mavelikkara on Friday. He was 83. Mr. Thampi, a bachelor, is survived by his brothers and sisters. Late R. Sankaranarayanan Thampi, a former Speaker of the Kerala Assembly, was his brother. CPI state secretary Veliyam Bhargavan paid homage to the departed leader. Former Kerala Chief Minister and CPI leader P.K. Vasudevan Nair conveyed his condolences to the bereaved family. [Kerala CPI leader dead. *Tribune.* October 27, 2001: 8]

Rajendra Singh

Rajendra Singh, the Water Man, who heads the NGO Tarun Bharat Sangh (TBS) involved in watershed management projects in Alwar district has been given the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2001 on July 30, 2001.

The Ruparel river's catchment area is three km from Thanaghazi where TBS build a Dam. This dam has 25 feet of water in it now. The dam has a channel at a height of 30 feet for evicting water.

The Award has come as an embarrassment to the State Government of Rajasthan which had been threatening to demolish an earthen dam built by the TBS at Lawa Ka Bas through *Sharamdan*, claiming that it posed a danger to several villages. A notice has already been served on Rajendra Singh under the drainage Act. The dam in question has been considered as dangerous by the State Govt., and Singh has been accused of stopping the natural flow of water and diverting it to the dam as also of depriving Bharatpur district of its share of water from Ruparel. [Magsaysay for India's waterman. *Times of India.* July 31, 2001: 1]

The Tribune adds that the Ramon Magsaysay will be presented to the social activist Rajendra Singh at a function in Manila on August 31, 2001. It is for community leadership in spearheading a mass rural movement for water conservation in the arid regions of Alwar district of Rajasthan.

- Social activist wins Magsaysay Award. *Tribune.* July 31, 2001: 1.
- 377 cases filed against Magsaysay winner. *Tribune.* August 1, 2001: 11.
- Recognition for water conservationist. *Tribune.* August 2, 2001: 10.
- Accolades for waterman. *Times of India.* August 2, 2001: 1.
- Industry backs 'Water Man'. Times of India. August 20, 2001: 1.

Rakesh Nath

Rakesh Nath on October 17, 2001 took over as Chairman, BBMB. Born on May 21, 1950, he passed B.Sc. Engineering with Honours from Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh. Prior to joining BBMB, he was holding dual charge of the posts of Whole Time Director, Power Trading Corporation and Chief Engineer, Central Electricity Authority. Mr. Nath has worked for more than 28 years in the power sector in different organizations.

As Member-Secretary of Northern Regional Electricity Board and Western Regional Electricity Board, the two largest regional grids of the country, he had an opportunity to deal with inter-state issues relating to power system operation and during his tenure a large number of technical and commercial issues could be resolved amicably. [Rakesh Nath takes over as BBMB Chief. *Tribune.* October 19, 2001:5]

Ram Raj

Ram Raj, President of All India Confederation of SC/ST Organizations and joint-commissioner at the Income-Tax Department drove his "Chariot of Buddhism" across the country for six months this year, urging the Dalits to leave Hinduism at a conversion rally planned for Delhi's Ram Lila grounds. However, the plan went awry. At a new venue, the 40-year old Ram Raj got tonsured, changed his faith and adopted a new name, Udit Raj. Though Raj asserted, "I am not joining politics, I changed my faith only to liberate myself from mental slavery". Anyway Congress is looking to his support in UP elections.

Rama Linga Swami, V. (Prof.)

Noted medical scientist, Prof. V. Rama Linga Swami, who pioneered the usage of iodised salt in India died in New Delhi at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on May 28, 2001. He has been goitre research pioneer. Research by him has shown that iodine is necessary for the production of thyroxine, a harmone that plays a pivotal role in foetal growth.

A pathologist, he served as Dean and then Director of AIIMS; Director-General of ICMR, advisor to the Executive Director of UNICEF and to the Director-General of WHO. [Goitre research pioneer dead. *Tribune.* May 30, 2001: 8]

Ramesh Chandra (Col.)

H.P. High Court on November 19 rejected the bail application of Col. Ramesh Chandra who was allegedly involved in raping a 19-year-old Mumbai-based girl.

- High Court rejects Colonel's bail plea. *Tribune.* November 21, 2001: 7.
- Rape-accused Colonel's bail plea rejected. *Times of India.* November 20, 2001: 5.

Rameshwari Devi

Twenty-year old Rameshwari Devi from Manipur became the proud

National Games record creator (4:26.188 seconds) in the 3000 individual pursuit event improving her earlier National Games record of 4:27.9, seconds at the 31st National Games in Ludhiana on November 22, 2001. [New record. *Tribune*. November 23, 2001: 18]

Rana, K.S.

The Director Health Services of Himachal Pradesh, K.S. Rana was arrested at Shimla on December 20 by the Vigilance Dept. on charge of irregularities in the purchase of medicines. He allegedly caused a loss of about Rs.4.77 lakh to the State. [HP Director Health arrested. *Tribune*. December 21, 2001: 18]

Rana, Sher Singh (Pankaj Singh)

Sher Singh Rana, alias Pankaj Singh, the prime suspect in Phoolan Devi's assassination was taken into police custody on July 27, 2001 at Dehradun. He made a statement before journalists in Dehradun that he has killed Phoolan Devi.

Sher Singh had visited Phoolan Devi's residence twice along with Uma Kashyap, a Samajwadi Party worker from Roorkee. On the day of assassination Uma Kashyap along with her husband Vijay Kashyap left Roorkee at about 5:30 a.m. in Sher Singh's car. They reached Phoolan Devi's residence in New Delhi at about 10:30 a.m. Phoolan left for Parliament in Sher Singh's car, driven by himself. This very car (No. CIM 907) was used in the assassination.

- Killer gives up in Dehra Dun. *Times of India*. July 28, 2001: 1.
- Pankaj gets 10-day police remand. *Tribune*. July 29, 2001: 1.

Sher Singh Rana alias Pankaj Singh was on July 28, 2001 sent to 10 days police custody after he was produced before a city court. The prosecution said it had seized two country made pistols from him along with two mobile phones and four SIM cards. His disclosure to the police is that Mirzapur MP Phoolan Devi's murder was the first step in his ultimate political ambition to become an MP. Elaborating on his intention to avenge the Behmai killings, "I want to become an MP after contesting election from a Rajput-dominated constituency.

- I wanted to become MP. Rana. *Sunday Times*. July 29, 2001: 1.
- Was Pankaj in jail on day of killing? *Tribune*. August 2, 2001: 1,8.

Randhawa, G.S. (Prof.)

Prof. G.S. Randhawa, a former Vice-Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (Pb.) has been re-elected for the fifth consecutive term as the national President of the World University Service, at Jiwaji University, Gwalior. On the proposal of the Austrian National Committee, he has been re-elected unopposed as the Vice-President of the International Executive for the third consecutive term.

The World University Service (WUS), an international non-government organisation, was founded in 1920 as European Student Service for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of colleges, universities, hospitals and other public institutions in war-ravaged Europe. In 1950, it got renamed as World University Service with national committees in 60 countries and with headquarters in Geneva.

The WUS facilitates involvement of students and academicians in national and international programmes and its current focus is on social justice, women rights, rights of the child and other allied projects. The WUS enjoys a consultative status with several UN agencies. Mr. Inder Kumar Gujral and Dr. Manmohan Singh figure on the international advisory panel of the organisation.

Professor Randhawa, who has had 49 years of teaching and administrative experience, represented India at the 29th session of the UN General Assembly. As Vice-Chancellor he sponsored a novel scheme of offering liberal financial help to meritorious students from developing countries like Vietnam, Bangladesh, Nepal and Palestine. [G.S. Randhawa. *Tribune*. May 24, 2001: 4]

Randhir Singh

Randhir Singh, Secretary-General of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and Olympic Council of Asia has been elected member of the International Olympic Committee at the 112th Session in Moscow on July 16, 2001. The shooter-turned-administrator, and an Arjuna Award winner, was among the six persons whose nominations were accepted by the IOC members. He has been elected, along with other five, to the apex sports body in the world for eight years.

Randhir Singh, who hails from the erstwhile Patiala royal family, is son of former IOA president Raja Bhalendra Singh, one of the longest serving members of the IOC, while his grandfather Maharaja Bhupendra Singh headed IOA from 1928 to 1938.

The 54-year-old, who clinched the first shooting gold medal for India in Asian Games, represented the country for 31 years in shooting form 1963 to 1994 during which he participated in six Olympic Games and three Asian Games besides the Edmonton Commonwealth Games.

Randhir Singh, besides being a senior official of the Delhi Amateur Athletic Association, is the vice-president of the Commonwealth Games Federation since 1987, secretary- general of the Afro-Asian Games Council, and is president of the Bowling Federation of India since 1994. He was awarded D. Litt. by the Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education last year. [Randhir elected IOC member. *Times of India*. July 17, 2001: 17]

Ranganathan, B.

TMC Democratic Forum MLA, B. Ranganathan was booked by city police on May 29 at Chennai for allegedly running unauthorized bar and allowing gambling at club of which he was the president. [Raid on club, MLA booked. *Tribune*. May 30, 2001: 8]

Rangaswamy, N.

Congress leader and former PWD Minister N. Ranagaswamy was sworn in as the 15th Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Pondicherry on October 27, 2001. Lt. Governor Dr. Rajani Rai administered the oath of office and secrecy. He is required to prove his majority on the floor of the Legislative Assembly within a month.

Rangaswamy was elected leader of the Congress Legislative Party on October 19, following the resignation of CMP Shanmugham. Rangaswamy belongs to the backward Vanniar community. [Rangaswamy sworn in Pondicherry CM. *Tribune*. October 28, 2001: 8]

Rao, C.R.

C.R. Rao, former Director of the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, will be conferred 'Deshikottama', the highest degree of the Visva Bharati University by Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee at Shantiniketan on

December 15, 2001. The honorary degree will be conferred during the annual convocation of the University. Announcement to this effect was made by the Vice-Chancellor, Sujit Kumar Basu. [*Tribune*. November 29, 2001: 8]

Rao, C.S.

C.S. Rao Director, National Institute of Rural Development has been appointed as Secretary, Deptt. of Expenditures. Mr. C.S. Rao is a 1967 batch IAS officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre.

- *Economic Times*. November 5, 2001: 1.
- *Tribune* November 5, 2001: 1.

Rao, Ramoji

Ramoji Rao, Chairman of Eenadu group of publications and a pioneer in Telugu journalism has been selected for the 10th Yudhavir Foundation Award for the year 2001. Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, N. Chandrababu Naidu would present the Award to Ramoji Rao at a function to be held in Hyderabad on April 30, 2001. Narendra Luther, Chairman of Yudhvir Foundation made an announcement to this effect in Hyderabad on April 25, 2001. [Journalist to get Yudhvir award. *Tribune*. April 26, 2001: 8]

Rastogi, Virender

Virender Rastogi is a London-based influential businessman whose passport has been revoked by the Government of India upon CBI's request. CBI has filed chargesheet against him and others in the Rs.43-crore duty drawback scam. A reward of Rs.20,000/- has also been announced on his head. Agencies have also secured a Red Corner Notice against Virender from the Interpol. CBI plans to move the British authorities for his arrest and extradition to India. Virender Rastogi is among top 20 non-resident Indians, in Britain and deals in non-ferrous metals. [Virender Rastogi's passport revoked. *Tribune*. December 31, 2001: 6]

Rath, Ramakanta

Oriya poet and Sahitya Akademi President Ramakanta Rath has been chosen for the FIE Rashtrabhushan Award, 2000, for his contribution to Indian literature. The Award is given by the Pune-based FIE Foundation every year to eminent personalities in various fields. The Award will be presented in New Delhi on March 24, 2001. The Award consists of Rs.2,00000/- and a citation. [Oriya poet wins FIE award. *Tribune.* March 22, 2001: 10]

Rattan, O.P.

O.P. Rattan, who was expelled from the Congress a few years ago for his anti-party activities when he was an MLA, was readmitted to Congress Party by PCC Chief Mrs. Vidya Stokes. He was the President of the Himachal Vikas Party. [Rattan joins Congress. *Tribune.* May 4, 2001: 7]

Ravi Inder Singh

Former Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Ravi Inder Singh and a chief ministerial candidate, on Monday, moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court, seeking directions that before the next assembly elections in Punjab due in February 2002, the use of electronic voting machines be discarded.

As an alternative, the petitioner suggested that sometime before the said elections, the EVMs meant for use in the state of Punjab be exchanged with similar machines with any other state or there should be an inter-district exchange of said machines with full knowledge of the political parties concerned. Also, the political parties should be allowed to keep a vigil on the place of custody of these machines, along with administrative supervision in accordance with law. [Ravi Inder Singh wants voting machines gone. *Times of India.* November 20, 2001: 3]

Ravi Shankar, Pandit

Sitar Maestro Pandit Ravi Shankar has been conferred the Honorary Knight Commander of the British Empire by the Queen in recognition of his contribution towards promotion of Indian music to the West. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review.* May 2001: 152]

Ravinder Kumar

Noted historian Ravinder Kumar (68) passed away in New Delhi on

April 6, 2001 after a brief illness. Ravinder was known for his pioneering work on the social consequences of colonial rule in India. Prof. Ravinder Kumar served as Director of the Nehru memorial Library in New Delhi for about 17 years and was Chairman of Indian Council of Historical Research in the early 90s. [Noted historian dead. *Tribune.* April 7, 2001: 8]

The *India Today* writes: A front-ranking historian of modern India, his most acknowledged work was the 1960s monograph entitled "Western India in the Nineteenth Century". [The year's passages. *India Today.* December 31, 2001: 173]

Rawel Singh

Rawel Singh, a former Akali minister and a close associate of Master Tara Singh died in Chandigarh on August 20, 2001. He was 87. Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal, remembered him as a 'living legend' for his notable contributions to the Sikh Panth. [Former minister Rawel Singh is dead. *Times of India.* August 21, 2001: 3]

Rehman, Waheeda

Actress Waheeda Rehman won a life time achievement award in the Oscars of Indian movies at Sun City, some 120 km. north west of Johannesburg in South Africa.

A golden girl of Hindi cinema, Waheeda Rehman, has to her credit such films as Guru Dutt's '*Pyaasa*', Dev Anand's '*Guide*' and Yash Chopra's '*Lamhe*'. [*Tribune,* June 19, 2001: 9]

Rekhi, Kanwal

Kanwal Rekhi, founder and former president of the Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) addressed a CII-ECP Conference in Chandigarh on February 15, 2001. Born in Rawalpindi and himself a Punjabi, Kanwal Rekhi told that we have wasted our resources, empowered politicians and bureaucrats instead of entrepreneurs who alone can produce wealth. He stated that productivity is low in India and an average American's productivity is 80 times that of an Indian. He further said: "Produce additional wealth to eradicate poverty; you cannot make the poor rich through redistribution of wealth. He stated that China is growing fast at the rate of 10 to 20 per cent. India is content with a growth rate of 6%." [Why waste resources, asks IT Supremo. *Tribune.* February 16, 2001: 15]

Rizvi, Nazim

Nazim Rizvi, the producer of the film *Chori Chori Chupke Chupke* was held for links with the underworld, giving indications that all was not well with film finances. The result was the arrest of Bharat Shah, a diamond merchant and the financer of the film. Rizvi was a link between Shakeel and Shah. [*India Today*. December 31, 2001: 80]

Roshan, Hrithik

Roshan Hrithik was presented the Best Actor Award as also the Best Male Newcomer Award for his film *Kaho Naa Pyaar Hai* at the 46th Filmfare Awards in Mumbai on February 17, 2001. Hrithik Roshan had also bagged the Best Actor and Best Male Debut Awards at the Screen Videocon Award on January 20, 2001. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. April 2001: 148]

Hrithik Roshan bagged the best actor and best male debut award at the seventh Screen Videocon awards function held at the Andheri sports complex in Mumbai on January 21, 2001. Tabu won the best actress award for '*Astitva*' while Shilpa Nvalkar won the best female debut for "*Kairee*".

It was the Roshans who swept the awards category all the way winning eight of the 16 nominations for their home production '*Kaho naa pyar hai*'.

The film won best director and best music director award for brothers Rakesh and Rajesh Roshan respectively along with best film, best editing, best choreography and best male playback singer award. The television awards were, as expected, swept by "Kaun Banega Crorepati" with superstar Amitabh Bachchan winning the best anchor award. [*Tribune*. January 22, 2001: 8]

Hrithik Roshan, the superstar of Hindi cinema along with his father, noted film-maker Rakesh Roshan, donated Rs.10 lakhs each for the quake affected people of Gujarat . They handed over the cheques to Maharashtra Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh at his official residence "Varsha" in Mumbai on February 2, 2001: [Hrithik Roshan donates Rs.10 lakh. *Tribune*. February 3, 2001: 8]

Roy, Aruna

Magsaysay awardee Ms. Aruna Roy donated her award money amounting to Rs.23 lakh to the Janhit Trust formed by her to take up the welfare activities for the poor, dalit and women. Ms. Roy has kept herself away from the Trust. Journalist Bharat Dogra has been nominated as Chairman of the Trust, while Dr. Renuka Pamecha, a professor in the Rajasathan University, will be its managing trustee. [*Tribune.* May 13, 2001: 10]

Roy, Arundhati

A noted writer, Arundhati Roy on August 17, 2001 stood by the views expressed in her affidavit in response the contempt notice. Mrs. Roy, who argued for herself said, "I find the issuance of notice insulting to me. I stand by my affidavit. If you think it is contemptuous, please proceed against me." [Medha, Arundhati dare S. Court. *Tribune.* August 3, 2001: 18]

Roy, B.C. (Justice)

Eminent jurist and retired judge of the Supreme Court Justice B.C. Roy died of a massive heart attack in Kolkata on September 7, 2001. Justice Roy served the Apex Court for over six years and superannuated in 1991. Justice Roy delivered the judgement of the Indira Gandhi assassination case as also judgements on many other important occasions, including the Justice Ramaswamy impeachment case. [*Tribune.* September 9, 2001: 8]

Roy, Nirupa

Nirupa Roy, a cine star, has been charged in dowry case by her daughter-in-law in Panchkula. The veteran actress' daughter-in-law, Una Roy, an NRI and a worker with a foreign airlines company, had alleged in her complaint that she was subjected to severe mental and physical harassment and cruelty at the hand of Nirupa Roy. The complainant said that Nirupa Roy was very dominating mother-in-law and controls all financial affairs of the house. Una Roy further added that her in-laws would route black money through her foreign account and beat and threaten her with dire consequences whenever resisted.

- Yesteryear actress Nirupa Roy faces dowry case. *Times of India.* August 13, 2001: 4.
- Nirupa Roy seeks anticipatory bail. *Times of India.* August 17, 2001: 1.

The arrest of Mumbai-based veteran movie star, Nirupa Roy, her husband Kamal Roy and son Kiran Roy was stayed by the Session Judge Panchkula on August 17, 2001 till August 20, 2001. [Arrest of Nirupa Roy stayed. *Times of India*. August 18, 2001: 1]

Roy, Pankaj

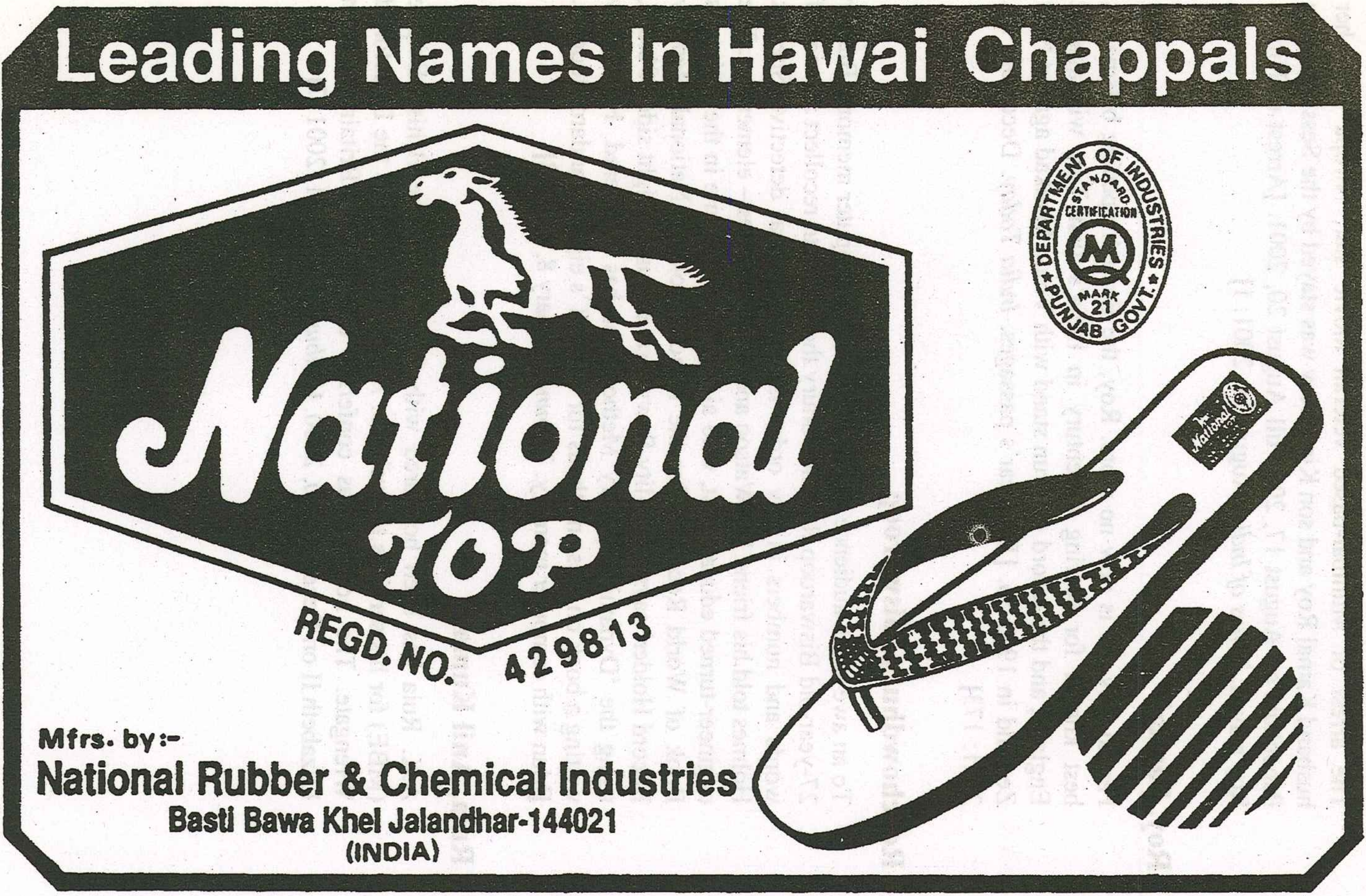
Pankaj Roy, 73 is now no more. Roy, the Bengali opening batsman is best known for scoring a century in India's first Test win against England, and the record 413-run stand with Vinoo Mankad against New Zealand in 1955-56. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 173]

Roychowdhury, Biswaroop

To an awe-stuck audience, he is a man with a computer memory. But for 27-year-old Biswaroop Roychowdhury the ability to recollect a series of words and numbers in any order is what fictional detective Sherlok Holmes told his friend Dr. Watson and umpteen times – elementary. The engineer-turned educationist, who aims to get his name in the Guinness Book of World Records after the Limca Book as 'National Memory Record Holder' says his ability flows form the use of right side of brain, using the 'Dynamic memory Methods' he has pioneered. He is now writing a book on these methods for NCERT's eighth standard students. [Man with computer memory. *Tribune*. January 8, 2001: 8]

Ruia, Anil Kumar

A.K. Ruia has been honoured with 'Member of the British Empire (MBE) for his services to business. Anil Kumar Ruia is the Director of Wrengate. The honour was conferred on Ruia by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II on December 30, 2000. [*Tribune*. January 1, 2001: 7]



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Sachar, Rajinder (Justice)

Noted civil liberty activist and former Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, Justice Rajinder Sachar, accused Bhartiya Janata Party of spreading lies to seek support on the controversial Prevention of Terrorist Ordinance (POTO). Justice Rajinder Sachar is the former president of the People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL). [BJP spreading lies, syas Sachar. *Tribune*. November 7, 2001: 3]

Saggi, Neera

West Bengal State's Governor Viren J. Shah's Secretary, Neera Saggi's letter to the Chief Whip of Opposition Congress Legislature Party kicked up a controversy in the State politics. The letter advised the Opposition about its behaviour on the floor of the House while the Governor was in the House. The letter has quoted excerpts from Jawaharlal Nehru's letter to the then Chief Ministers in 1952, urging them to ensure that legislators did not interrupt the speech of the Governor.

Congress Legislature Party (CLP) has taken this as an affront on the part of a bureaucrat to "sermonize" the people's representatives on their code of conduct. Congress Legislature Party (CLP) in West Bengal has decided to table a breach of privilege motion against Neera Saggi, a senior IAS officer.

The letter from the Governor's Secretary was believed to have been served as a result of the unsavoury incident during the opening day of the last Budget session of the House when a section of Congress legislators created a virtual pandemonium by shouting slogans, mobbing the Governor, interrupting his address, and tearing the copies of his speech. [CLP agitated over letter of Governor's Secy. *Tribune*. January 22, 2001: 8]

Sahai, Suman (Dr.)

Dr. Suman Sahai has been awarded the Order of the Golden Ark by Prince Bernard of the Netherlands for her efforts in nature conservation. Dr. Sahai is the founder of the Gene Campaign.

Saifee, Nadeem Akhtar

Nadeem Akhtar, who has been recently discharged from the extradition case by the House of Lords has been the prime accused in the murder of music baron Gulshan Kumar outside a temple in suburban Juhu in Mumbai on August 12, 1997. Nadeem has been living in London since the murder, and accusing the police of falsely implicating him in the case. He dares police to bring out in the open if they had recorded any telephonic conversation between him and any underworld don. [Nadeem dares cops to reveal proof. *Tribune.* June 10, 2001: 9]

Saini, Ravi

Ravi Saini, a 14-year X class student from Visakhapatnam (AP) won Rs. one crore in Kaun Banega Crorepati Junior contest on July 6, 2001. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review.* August 2001: 167]

Saini, Simarjeet Singh

Simarjeet Saini, has developed a technology for integrating various optical devices on a single chip. The platform for integration of photonic devices was called Passive Active Resonant Coupler (PARC). Compared to the existing technologies, PARC uses the standard device fabrication technologies well-established in the photonic industry and hence provides great cost benefits and reliability. The development of PARC was a part of Saini's Ph.D. thesis and was funded by various laboratories, including the NASA Goddard Space Science Center. Patent has also been granted by the US Patent Office in October 2001 in the name of Simarjeet S. Saini and three others. Commercialisation of this technology is likely by the end of year 2002. [Patiala boy patents super chip tech. *Times of India.* November 29, 2001: 6]

Samresh Jung

Samresh Jung of Himachal Pradesh created a new record in free pistol event by scoring 656.3 in the 31st National Games at SAS Nagar on

November 21, 2001. [Abhinav, Samresh set new records. *Tribune*. November 22, 2001: 14]

Samresh Singh

Jharkhand Science and Technology minister Samresh Singh resigned from the Babu Lal Marandi Cabinet, complaining of excessive bureaucratic dominance over the State Govt. [Minister resigns. *Hindustan Times*. November 12, 2001: 1]

Sandhu, Davinder Pal Singh

Davinder Pal Singh Sandhu was appointed as the Chief Public Relation Officer of the Northern Railway. He wants constructive ties with the media in order to take Railways to the level of people's expectations.

Sandhu belongs to the 1987 batch of IAAS and is from Chandigarh and he did M.A. and MBA from the Panjab University. He joined Civil Service and got in IRTS. He has been the senior DRM of Delhi.

Sangeen, Bilal

Bilal Sangeen, a divisional commander of Hizbul Mujahideen, was killed at Badshah Nagar-Natipara, Srinagar on August 17, 2001 night during a search operation by BSF and SOG. An AK rifle, two magazines and a pistol were recovered. [Top Hizbul commander killed in J&K. *Times of India.* August 19, 2001: 1]

Sangliana, H.T.

Bangalore police chief, H.T. Sangliana booked Kanteerava indoor stadium for children's enjoyment and announced that "This place is yours for every Sunday to come". From dancing to watching dog shows, magic, films and cartoons, roller-skating, floating balloons, the children lapped it all up. There were mouth-watering snacks also. Interspersed with the fun were also some vital messages how to be a good citizen to be on the right side of the law. Going by the reaction of the nearly 3500 children, the maxim "catch them young" definitely seemed to work". [Bangalore top cop plays Santa. *Times of India.* December 4, 2001: 6]

Santhanam, Krishnaswamy

Krishnaswamy Santhanam has been selected to head the country's premier strategic think tank, the Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA) succeeding Jasjit Singh who had been the director IDSA since 1987.

Santhanam is a nuclear scientist who was instrumental in the physical assembly of India's nuclear weapons and till recently was serving as Senior Technology Advisor to the DRDO. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. August 2001: 167]

Santosh Kumar

Santosh Kumar was one of the securitymen belonging to the 23rd battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), who was posted at the Parliament House on December 13, 2001 when the terrorists attacked it. Santosh Kumar gunned down three of the five terrorists single-handedly. His valiant role was praised by the Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee and the entire political leadership of the country. [Vajpayee salutes the valiant. *Tribune*. December 15, 2001: 8]

Sanyal, B.C.

B.C. Sanyal, a celebrated artist, was elected Honorary Fellow of Russian Academy of Fine Arts. Ever since the inception of this Academy in 1767, Sanyal is the first Indian artist to receive this honour. Sanyal turned 100 on April 22, 2001. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. June 2001: 157]

Sarswat, Ishani

17-year old Ishani Sarswat was crowned the ADC May Queen 2001, at a glittering and well-contested function held on May 12 at Shimla's Gaiety Theatre. With that Ishani Sarswat joins the league of celebrities like Kalpana Kartik, Sadhna, Priya Rajvansh, Prema Narain, Poonam Dhillon (popular film stars), TV anchor Manveen Dhanda and Saudi Airlines Senior Air Hostess Tuhina Bannerji. 5'-4" tall May Queen, 2001 was crowned by the Chief Guest and the president of the club Lt. Gen. S.S. Mehta and sashed by his wife Mrs. Madhu Mehta.

Shimla ADC May Queen title has a history behind it. The first vice-regal dance in honour of the Queen's birthday was held at Shimla's Annandale

Race Course Club on May 24, 1839 and was called Queen's Ball. Subsequently it came to stay as May Queen Ball and became the most popular event of Shimla ADC during British India days. [Ishani is Shimla May Queen. *Tribune*. May 17, 2001: 7]

Sarwar, Shamim

Shamim Sarwar, a Patna cleric was a part of the conspiracy in which a car was to be driven up to the Visa section of the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi on August 15, 2001 and stall. It would be left on the roads, an incendiary on wheels that would bring the pink and cream building down. But a month before it could happen a Sudanese student Abdel Raouf Hawash and Shamim Sarwar were apprehended. Hawash believed in jehad and Sarwar for money, and both were doing it on Osama Bin Laden's behalf. [The Base in India. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 182]

Sasthampadickal, Joy

Malayala Manorama's resident Editor (Palakkad) Joy Sasthampadickal has been selected for the N.V. Pyli Prize for Journalism for senior Malayalam journalists for this year. Union Minister of State for Railways O. Rajagopal will present the award at a function at the Erankulam Press Club on February 13, K.M. Roy, Convener, N.V. Pyli Endowment Committee, said in a press note. [Malayalam scribe bags N.V. Pyli prize. *Tribune*. February 9, 2001: 8]

Sathiala, Manmohan Singh

The Sangrur police had registered a criminal case against MLA Manmohan Singh Sathiala for beating up a policeman, Ranjeet Singh, on duty at a polling booth on September 29, 2000. Case is pending in the court. Punjab Govt., however, sought the cancellation of the FIR against the MLA. There is resentment among the police force over this move. [Cancellation of MLA's FIR affects policemen's moral. *Times of India*. August 18, 2001: 5]

Savita Devi

Noted singer Savita Devi will be honoured for her outstanding contribution in enriching and popularizing classical Indian music. She will receive Sangeet Sudhakar Bal Krishnada Memorial Award for her contribution to Hindustani vocal music. The award would be given by Patitpawan Kala Niketan – a non-profit cultural organization at a function in New Delhi on November 20, 2001. [*Hindu*. November 20, 2001: 3]

Scindia, Jyotiraditya Vikramrao

The newly coronated 'Maharaj' of the House of Scindia may join Congress Party and credit for this should go to Madhya Pradesh CM Digvijay Singh. [Will Congress bag Jyotiraditya? *Times of India*. Nov. 21, 2001: 1]

Scion of the Gwalior royal family and son of the Congress leader and MP, late Madhavrao Scindia, Jyotiraditya (30) formally joined Indian National Congress as its primary member on December 17, 2001. A function was organized at the AICC lawns to mark Jyotiraditya's entry into Congress which was attended by two Congress Chief Ministers, scores of CWC members, besides party President Smt. Sonia Gandhi. Ms. Sonia Gandhi signed his membership form.

- Jyotiraditya joins Congress. *Times of India*. December 18, 2001: 1.
- Scindia's son joins Congress. *Tribune*. December 18, 2001: 16.

Scindia, Madhavarao

Congress leader and former Union Minister and scion of Gwalior royal family, Madhavarao Scindia along with seven others died when the private plane carrying them crashed in a paddy field near Motta Railway Station in Mainpuri district on September 30, 2001. The 10-seater VT-6FF plane belonging to Jindal Group caught fire after it nose-dived into a field. Scindia was scheduled to attend a public meeting in Kanpur in the afternoon of that day. The ill-fated plane had left New Delhi at 12.49 p.m. and was to reach Kanpur at 1:50 p.m. However, it lost contact with the Lucknow Air Traffic Control at 1:30 p.m.

Others who were killed along with Scindia were his secretary Rupinder Singh, and journalists – Anju Sharma (Hindustan Times), Ranjan Jha (Aaj Tak), Gopal Bisht (Cameraman). Plane's pilot, Ray Gautam and Co-pilot were also killed.

- Madhavarao Scindia dead, four scribes too die in plane crash. *Tribune*. October 21, 2001: 1.

- Scindia's death setback to Congress. *Tribune*. October 1, 2001: 4.

Deputy Leader of the Congress in the Lok Sabha Madhavrao Scindia, who died in a plane crash on September 30, 2001, was a suave and articulate face of the Congress, different from the rustic, pot-bellied image of a politician. Scion of the royal family of Gwalior, Mr. Scindia, (56), has left a mark in all fields he served, including politics, government and cricket administration.

Having never lost a parliamentary election, Mr. Scindia began his political career with support from the Jan Sangh but drifted from it later to join the Congress. He successfully contested his first Lok Sabha elections from Guna in 1971 as an independent with the backing of the Sangh.

Born on March 10, 1945 in Mumbai, Mr. Scindia had politics in his blood, being the son of late Rajmata Vijayraje Scindia, who died early this year. But he charted a political course starkly different from his mother's saffron path.

Mr. Scindia lost his father at an early age and the dominant influence in his formative years was that of his mother.

Mr. Scindia was rated as a prime ministerial candidate along with leaders like Manmohan Singh before the 1999 Lok Sabha elections in the aftermath of controversy over Sonia Gandhi's foreign origin.

He not only had distinction of winning nine times as a Lok Sabha member but registered the proudest moment of his career defeating Atal Behari Vajpayee by over two lakh votes in 1984 in Gwalior.

Mr. Scindia's political graph in the Congress soared following his handling of the key Railway portfolio in Rajiv Gandhi government (1984-89). It was during his time that computerized railway reservation was introduced.

Schooled in Gwalior, Scindia obtained his Master of Arts degree from Oxford University before taking a plunge into electoral politics.

Mr. Scindia resigned as Civil Aviation Minister taking moral responsibility following a crash of a leased Uzbek TU-154 plane in Delhi in 1993. He returned to the government two years later.

In January 1996, Mr. Scindia faced the biggest challenge of his political career when the Jain hawala scandal broke out which soon saw his exit from the government. He floated his outfit the "Madhya Pradesh Vikas Congress" after he was denied ticket for 1996 Lok Sabha polls. Scindia won the elections as MPVC candidate from Gwalior. Scindia returned to the Congress when Mr. Narasimha Rao resigned and Mr. Sitaram Kesari became the party president.

- An invincible Cong man. *Tribune*. October 1, 2001: 8.
- Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. November 2001: 170.

Madhavrao Scindia, 56, died on September 30, 2001 in an air crash in Uttar Pradesh near Kanpur writes the *India Today* and remembers him under *Gentle Prince* as: Forever the kin who never did rule. A political career that kicked off in 1971 in the Jan Sangh crashed abruptly just before a Congress rally. Scion of the erstwhile royal family of Gwalior and for years a potential prime minister. Scindia cut his teeth as Railway Minister under Rajiv Gandhi. He was in P.V. Narasimha Rao's ministry too, before the hawala intrigue. His last post of deputy leader of the Congress in the Lok Sabha saw him guide a téntative Sonia Gandhi and the party through a patchy phase. Adieu. [The year's passages. *Indian Today*. December 31, 2001: 169]

Scindia, Vijayaraje

Senior BJP leader, Vijayaraje Scindia, also called Rajmata, passed away on January 25, 2001 at the Apollo Hospital in New Delhi. She was 82 and was suffering form meningitis. Vijayaraje was born on October 12, 1919 at Sagar in Madhya Pradesh. She first entered the Lok Sabha in 1957 and represented Guna Lok Sabha constituency for a record six times. [Rajmata passes away. *Tribune*. January 26, 2001: 1, 18]

Sehgal, Anil (Col.)

Col. Anil Sehgal, a former Director in the Ordnance Services had sought protection under Article 20 (3) of the Constitution which says that no person accused of any offence shall be compelled to be a witness against himself. The Venkataswami Commission has dismissed the plea of the accused. Now Sehgal shall have to file an affidavit in response to the panel's notice. [Tehelka panel rejects army official's plea. *Tribune*. June 11, 2001: 15]

Sehwag, Virender

Virender Sehwag smashed a century off 68 balls to power India to an emphatic seven-wicket win over New Zealand in Colombo on August 2, 2001 for a place in the final of the Coca Cola Cup triangular one-day series with three straight victories.

Sehwag's blitz-krieg 100, that contained 19 four and a six, enabled India overhaul New Zealand's 264 for seven comfortably in 45.5 overs to ensure a meeting with Sri Lanka in the final on August 5, 2001. [Sehwag's blitz-krieg puts India in final. *Tribune.* August 3, 2001: 16]

Sehwag has been included in the 14-member Indian squad by the BCCI, for the first Test against England starting on December 3, 2001 at Mohali in Punjab. The decision involving Sehwag was taken by BCCI on November 27, 2001 in defiance of the ICC directive of one match suspension of Sehwag. The decision of BCCI involving Sehwag has raised question mark over the India-England three match series. BCCI on November 28, 2001 outrightly rejected ICC's demand to make public its stand on the inclusion of Virender Sehwag by November 30, 2001 deadline. Virender Sehwag has been banned for Mohali Test by ICC for using abusive language, charging the umpire and showing dissent in contravention of the "spirit of the game". [Sehwag in 14 for Mohali Test. *Tribune.* November 29, 2001: 1]

Sen, D.

Former CBI Director D. Sen passed away in New Delhi on January 21, 2001 following a cardiac arrest. He was 85. Sen, served as the CBI Chief from 1971-1977. He also served as Advisor in the Union Home Ministry from 1979 to 1980. [CBI Ex-Chief D. Sen dead. *Tribune.* January 22, 2001: 8]

Sen, Jamuna

Noted painter and dancer Jamuna Sen died at her residence in Kolkata on February 10, family sources said. Jamuna, 89, was the second and youngest daughter of legendary artist Nandalal Bose. Born in 1912, Jamuna had her education at Santiniketan under the able guidance of her illustrious father, where she obtained a diploma in fine arts and crafts. She has authored a number of books on design and alpana. [Painter Jamuna Sen dead. *Tribune.* February 12, 2001: 8]

Shafi, Mohammad (Prof.)

Eminent earth scientist and former Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Mohammad Shafi and R.P. Mishra president of Sustainable Development Foundation have been selected for the first Bhoogol Ratna Award. The award is given to the eminent geographers for their significant contribution to the sustainable use of resources. The award instituted by the Bhoovigyan Vikas Foundation carries Rs.1 lakh cash and a citation. The award is to be presented on the occasion of the Earth Day on April 22, 2001. [Bhoogol Ratna award announced. *Tribune.* April 14, 2001: 10]

Shah, Bharat

The Bombay High Court on August 17, 2001 rejected the bail plea of diamond merchant and film financier Bharat Shah, who is in judicial custody for his alleged nexus with the underworld. This was the seventh time Shah's bail plea was rejected. [Bharat Shah's bail plea rejected again. *Times of India.* August 19, 2001: 6]

Financier of *Chori Chori Chupke Chupke*, Bharat Shah, was arrested by the Crime Branch of Mumbai Police on January 8, 2001 for aiding and abetting don Chhota Shakeel's underworld activities. The 56-year-old diamond merchant was booked under Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) on the basis of a couple of tape recordings of telephonic conversations with Shakeel. He claimed to have paid Rs.12.7 crore for the film by cheques, but evidence showed that Rs.75 lakh of extortion money was invested in the industry by Shakeel through Bharat Shah. [Diamond Daddy. *India Today.* December 31, 2001: 80]

Shah, Shabir

K.C. Pant, Centre's negotiator for Kashmir said that the J&K Democratic Freedom Party's Chief Shabir Shah's response was positive. On his behalf Party's chief organizer Saleem Geelani and secretary-general Maulana Abdullah Turi met Pant, at his New Delhi residence.

- *Tribune.* May 4, 2001: 1.
- Pant's emissary to meet Shah today. *Tribune.* May 15, 2001: 1.

Shabir Shah, Chairman of J&K Democratic Freedom Party was put under house arrest on November 6, 2001 at Srinagar. Shah was scheduled to lead a procession to the United Nations Military Observers office at Sanawar, but was not allowed to leave his house. He was to present a memorandum to the UNMO office, demanding halt of US action against Afghanistan during Ramzan. [Shabir Shah under house arrest. *Tribune*. November 7, 2001: 1]

Shah, Suhani

Suhani Shah, the 11 years old sixth standard student from Ahemdabad (Gujarat) is probably the world's youngest professional magician who regales the audience with her magic. The child prodigy who manages to score 90% marks in all subjects, despite her magic performances almost four months a year, is also a web designer. Her academic excellence compensates for her frequent absence from class.

Suhani picked up her first magic lessons from television shows without the help of a guru and started performing at the age of 7. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. August 2001: 167]

Shahabuddin, Mohammed

Siwan M.P. Mohammed Shahabuddin has been the centre of a long drawn controversy involving former Chief Minister of Bihar, Laloo Prasad Yadav and Siwan District Police. Criminals turned politicians take shelter under religion when they are in a tight corner, and their community comes to their rescue irrespective of their shaddy character and unlawful activities. Politician friends also help such elements..

Siwan MP Shahabbuddin's gun law makes the local cops desperate and daring enough to defy it. He rules the district with an iron hand. Though accused in as many as 30 criminal cases, his word is the law and anyone who dares to defy him is met with threats and even death. For the last 10 years this situation has been continuing. In the last week of March he was challenged by the local police in his own den, resulting in a 6-hour long gun battle which left 14, including two policemen dead. An AK-47 rifle, 2 granedes, two 9 mm pistols and ammunition were recovered from Shahabuddin's house. Initially RJD President, Laloo Prasad Yadav, didn't support him, but when Shahabbudin switched his loyalty to the dissident camp led by Ranjan Prasad Yadav, Laloo changed his stand. Superintendent of Police B.S. Meena who had led the raid on MP's house was transferred and the MP was supported so as to pacify him. Unfortunately, both the opposition and RJD were vying with each other to support and pacify Shahabbudin, after the battle. Everybody in power ignored the statement of MP against the SP, B.S. Meena, who led the police raid, on his house: "I will kill him even if I have to chase him to Rajasthan. No one can save him now." His long criminal career notwithstanding, strangely enough he is much wanted man by politicians, even though intelligence agencies talk of his close links with Dawood Ibrahim and the ISI. In Bihar the law enforcers are usually at a disadvantage. [Tewary, Amarnath. From the barrel of a gun. *Outlook*. April 2, 2001: 23-24]

- Rule of Law as victim. *Tribune*. March 21, 2001: 10.
- Politicians vie to woo Shahabuddin. *Times of India*. March 22, 2001: 8.
- M.P.'s aide among 7 held in Patna. *Tribune*. March 23, 2001: 1.
- Shahabuddin aide among seven gangsters held. *Times of India*. March 23, 2001: 11.
- Siwan villagers want action against guilty cops. *Times of India*. March 23, 2001: 11.
- Laloo's cover drive. *Tribune*. April 1, 2001: 8.
- Troubles not over for Siwan MP. *Tribune*. April 2, 2001: 8.
- Police holding out against Shahabbuddin. *Tribune*. April 3, 2001: 8.

Shahin, Sultan

S. Shahin, a Delhi-based journalist gave a place to stay to Aftab Husain, a Pakistani poet in exile, when he was hounded by the Pervez Musharraf regime in Pakistan for translating Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's book of poems. According to him, the military regime wanted him to admit that he had translated the book, *Jung Na Hone Denge* at the behest of deposed Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. The book was presented to the Indian Prime Minister when he visited Lahore in 1999.

Now Aftab Husain calls Sultan Shahin an agent of Indian secret service organization, Research and Analysis Wing (RAW). [Poetry and drama: Fight between Pakistani poet in exile and host. *The Week*. June 17, 2001: 21]

Shaily, Shailendra

Shailendra Shaily, the M.P. CPM Secretary, ended his life on August 7, 2001 at Bhopal by consuming cellphos tablets. A brief note handed over to the doctors before his death said: He was ending his life because he was unable to perform his duties properly. [CPM leader Shaily commits suicide. *Times of India*. August 9, 2001: 8]

Shanta Kumar

Union Public Distribution Minister Shanta Kumar termed as baseless the reports that any person in any part of India had died of food shortage. There is no shortage of food grain in India. We have about 500 lakh metric tones of food grains in India, and the main problem is that of lifting the stocks allotted to the state governments. There are 4,60,000 fair price shops, though their performance is not upto the mark. [No shortage of food grains. *Tribune*. June 25, 2001: 6]

Sharma, B.P.

At the age of 92, B.P. Sharma has found entry in the Limca Book of Records this year as the oldest living journalist.

Mr. Sharma remained an active journalist for 71 years and became reporter of the *Tribune* in 1931 and is known as a "walking encyclopedia" on Jammu and Kashmir.

He wrote his first newsletter at the age of 17 in *The Ranbir*, Jammu's first newspaper, in 1924. He launched J&K's first English weekly, *Kashmir Times* from Srinagar in 1934 for which he wrote beyond the age of 88. He has worked for many prestigious newspapers and news agencies like *Reuters, Associated Press of India, Civil and Military Gazette* (*Lahore*), *Hindustan Times, Times of India,* and *Amrit Bazar Patrika.*

He loves literature and manuscripts and his latest assignment was as Chairman of the J&K Archives Committee, a post to which he was appointed by Dr. Farooq Abdullah, J&K Chief Minister, in recognition of his knowledge of the state's history.

He became the first director of the radio at Jammu which was set up to counter Pakistani propoganda in 1947. Thereafter he became Principal Information Officer and worked on various assignments.

He recently contributed a lot of inputs to a book on the ancient postal system of J&K published by the Collectors Club, New York. His contribution has been acknowledged by the author, Frits Stall of California University, who has said in the preface that Sharma inspired and helped him in bringing out the book on the postal system introduced about 150 years ago by Maharaj Ranbir Singh. [Oldest scribe whose pen refuses to stop. *Tribune*. May 10, 2001: 6]

Sharma, Hari Dutt (Dr.)

Dr. Hari Dutt Sharma, a globe-trotter noted Sanskrit scholar has exhorted the government of India to propagate Sanskrit more vigorously worldwide as a better understanding of this ancient language can make the world understand India better. Dr. Sharma, a senior Reader in the Deptt. of Sanskrit, University of Allahabad, asserts that Sanskrit is the key to Vedic philosophy which in turn is the essence of all wisdom that the world has ever had. Dr. Hari Dutt Sharma who describes himself as an 'ambassador of Sanskrit', has recently completed his 3-year tenure as a visiting professor in the Deptt. of Oriental Language, Silpakorm University, Bangkok, Thailand. [Propagate Sanskrit worldwide: Scholar. *Tribune*. November 11, 2001: 8]

Sharma, J.P. (Dr.)

Dr. J.P. Sharma, a Congress Legislator of Haryana died of heart attack in Yamuna Nagar on October 13, 2001. He was 68. [J.P. Sharma dead. *Times of India*. November 1, 2001: 6]

Sharma, Jai Gopal (Dr.)

Dr. Jai Gopal Sharma, a senior scientist at the Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI) at Shimla has been appointed visiting scientist by the Third World Academy of Science (TWAS), Italy for a period of three years. This new assignment and honour shall give Dr. Sharma access to the centres of excellence at the international level in his field of specialization. Sharma is currently working on potato germ plasm conservation and management and its characterization. Sharma will be primarily working on potato at the International Potato Centre, Lima (Peru), which has the largest repository of potato germ plasm in the world. With this associateship the CPRI will be able to improve the genetic stability of conserved potato germ plasm, which is essential for breeding new potato varieties. [Honour for CPRI Scientist. *Tribune*. January 31, 2001: 3]

Sharma, M.N.

M.N. Sharma, 78, the former Chief Architect of Chandigarh was honoured by the Indian Institute of Architects with Baburao Mhatre Gold Medal 2000 in recognition and appreciation of his contribution to architecture. Sharma had designed the Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Kurukshetra University, State Central Library, Chandigarh and several other important complexes. Sharma is also President of the Citizen's Forum for Chandigarh Heritage. [Apex architects' body honours M.N. Sharma. *Tribune*. August 3, 2001: 3]

Sharma, P.C.

P.C. Sharma, Special Director, CBI has been appointed as the acting Director of the CBI, after the retirement of R.K. Raghavan, his predecessor. Sharma is a 1966 batch IPS officer. [*India Today*. May 14, 2001: 17]

Mr. P.C. Sharma takes over as full-time Director of CBI on December 6, 2001. He will continue to be in this position for two years as per the Supreme Court guidelines. He is an IPS officer of 1966 batch. [P.C. Sharma is CBI Director. *Tribune*. December 7, 2001: 1, 7]

Sharma, Radheshyam (Dr.)

The Haryana Sahitya Akademi honoured Dr. Radheshyam Sharma, a former Editor of *Dainik Tribune*, Director-General (Vice-Chancellor) of Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism, Bhopal. An author of over a dozen books on journalism, Dr. Sharma was earlier given the Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Award by the President of India in the year 2000. [Haryana Award for Radheshyam Sharma. *Tribune*. November 19, 2001: 7]

Sharma, S.D. (Dr.)

Dr. S.D. Sharma, a Professor in English from Kurukshetra University, took over as the new Vice-Chancellor of Himachal University, Shimla on October 18, 2001. Dr. Sharma belongs to Karnal and had joined Kurukshetra University in 1974. His predecessor, Dr. C.L. Kundu too was from Kurukshetra University. He is keen to make the Himachal University academically excellent, with students as the centre of attraction, and emphasis on class-room teaching. [New VC assumes charge. *Tribune*. October 19, 2001: 7]

Sharma, S.K.

S.K. Sharma of Swaraj Mazda has been elected national Vice-President of the Indian Institute of Materials Management for two years (2001-03). [*Tribune*. December 7, 2001: 11]

Sharma, Shanker

Owner of First Global, Shanker Sharma and his wife Devina Mehra have been arrested on December 17, 2001 night for alleged FERA and FEMA violations during the stock market scam. First Global shot into prominence after the armsgate expose by Tehelka dot com as the company with 14.5 percent shares in the website. Their arrest is viewed as an attempt by the government to victimize the major shareholders of the Tehelka website. [Sharma, wife held for FERA violations. *Tribune*. December 19, 2001: 7]

Sharma, Shiv Datt

Shiv Datt Sharma, an eminent architect of undivided Punjab, has been chosen for the prestigious Baburao Mhatre Gold Medal for outstanding lifetime contribution to the field of architecture. The award is given by the Indian Institute of Architects, the apex body. Mr. Sharma, who was involved in the Chandigarh project right from its initial days, had also worked in the Department of Space, Bangalore as Chief Architect.

He recently designed the new OPD Block, the Advanced Paediatric Centre, the Emergency Block and the upcoming Eye Care Centre, all at the PGI, Chandigarh, besides designing the Institute of Microbial Technology and the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Education and Research at SAS Nagar.

Mr. Sharma is also the recipient of the J&K Architect of the Year Award in 1998 and the JIIA Snowcem Award for Excellence in Urban Architecture (1993). Mr. Sharma will be presented the Baburao Mhatre Gold Medal at the Indian Institute of Architect's national convention in Aurangabad on December 21, 2001. [Top architecture award for S.D. Sharma. *Tribune*. November 28, 2001: 6]

Sharma, Shivkumar

Noted Santoor player, Shivkumar Sharma was conferred Padma

Bhushan by President K.R. Narayanan on March 22, 2001. [Padma Bhushan for Amitabh Bachchan. *Tribune*. March 23, 2001: 24]

Sharma, Upinder

Upinder Sharma, former Congress jail and justice minister and present general-secretary of the Punjab Congress Committee has been awarded life imprisonment on July 27, 2001 by Faridkot district and session judge for the murder of a youth. Sharma was accused of abetment to murder in a criminal case filed by Krishan Kumar Garg of Kot Kapura town. Sharma was also awarded seven-year rigorous imprisonment for attempting murder of seven people. The two sentences would run concurrently. [Cong. ex-minister sentenced to life imprisonment. *Times of India*. July 28, 2001: 1]

Sharma, Vishnu Dutt

BJP (MP) from Jammu, Vishnu Dutt Sharma (75) died at AIIMS (New Delhi) in the morning of November 27, 2001. Mr. Sharma was elected for the second time from Jammu Parliamentary constituency. He was a graduate of Ayurveda from DAV College, Lahore. Mr. Sharma was a member of Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly during 1996-1998 and President of Municipal Council, Jammu in 1972. He served as a member of the Committee on Home Affairs during 1998-2000 and the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the functioning of Waqf Boards during 1999-2000. [LS adjourned after BJP MP's death. *Tribune*. November 28, 2001: 7]

Shergill, M.S. (Lt. Gen.)

Lt. Gen. M.S. Shergill, Director-General, Mechanised Forces retired on July 31, 2001. He is the son of late Maj. Gen. Rajinder Singh Sparrow.

A product of Lawrence School, Sanawar and the National Defence Academy, Kharagvaslla, he was commissioned from the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun in 7 Light Cavalry in 1962. He went on to command 7 Light Cavalry and was also Colonel of the Regiment. He was awarded the Vir Chakra during the Indo-Pak war of 1971, an AVSM in 1996 and a PVSM in 2000.

Shyamalan, M. Night

Walt Disney Pictures has bought another supernatural thriller form India-born M. Night Shyamalan, the writer director of the "The Sixth Sense" and "Unbreakable". Shyamalan delivered the script for "Signs" on April 21, 2001 and Walt Disney Pictures agreed on terms with Shyamalan's agents and attorneys. [Shyamalan secures Disney deal. *Tribune*. April 27, 2001: 9]

Siddiqui, Islam 'Isi' A.

Islam Isi A. Siddiqui has been appointed as Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programmes at the US Department of Agriculture by the outgoing American President Bill Clinton. Prior to this appointment Siddiqui had served as Executive Assistant to the US Agriculture Secretary focusing on coordinating and developing USDA's agricultural trade policy since 1999. Siddiqui also served as Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programmes dealing with sanitary and physiosanitary issues in international trade and agricultural marketing from 1997 to 1999. Before joining USDA, Siddiqui worked with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for 28 years.

Siddiqui of Davis, California received his BS in plant protection from Pantnagar Agricultural University (UP) and completed his MS and Ph.D. in plant pathology from the University of Illinois at Champaign – Urbana. [Indian American made Under Secretary. *Tribune*. January 1, 2001: 7]

Sikdar, Tapan

Tapan Sikdar, Union Minister of State for Communications joined the Mukta Bihanga (free bird), the country's first exclusive club for singles. He also inaugurated the club. [*India Today*. July 16, 2001: 16]

Sikka, S.K. (Dr.)

Dr. S.K. Sikka, one of India's seniormost and premier nuclear scientists at BARC who played a high profile role in the Pokharan blasts programme right from its inception, declines to accept the post of Associate Director at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai. According to reports emerging in the section of media, Dr. Sikka was upset over being denied the top job. Dr. Sikka, who is the Director of the

Solid State and Spectroscopy group, belongs to the 4th batch of the BARC training school. Dr. Bhattacharya, who has succeeded Anil Kakodkar as the Director of BARC, is five batches junior to Dr. Sikka. The controversy over Dr. Sikka's denial to accept the post of Associate Director at BARC highlights the divide in the establishment between "engineers" and "scientists". ["Bomb Man", Sikka upset, rejects new job at Barc. *Indian Express*. April 15, 2001: 5]

Singh, J.W.

Mumbai High Court on February 2, 2001 rejected the bail application of suspended Sessions Judge J.W. Singh and asked the special MCOCA court to expedite the trial. Mr. Justice Shafi Parker refused the bail plea on the ground that the accused may tamper with evidences and hence he needed to be in custody. Singh was arrested by the Mumbai police for his alleged nexus with Karachi-based underworld kingpin Chhota Shakeel, based on his telephonic conversation. [J.W. Singh's bail plea rejected. *Tribune*. February 3, 2001: 8]

Dismissed Sessions Judge J.W. Singh faces trial from December 4, 2001 in a case registered against him for alleged extortion and nexus with underworld. He is under arrest for the last two years. He is alleged to have sought the help of notorious gangster Shakeel in lieu of judicial favours to recover his money from a chit fund operator.

Nearly two years after his arrest, dismissed judge J.W. Singh would face trial in a case registered against him.

The prosecution, led by Ujjawal Nikam, would commence recording of evidence by examining two key witnesses before a special court to prove its case that the then Sessions Judge had sought help of a notorious gangster in lieu of judicial favours to recover his money from a chit fund operator.

This is for the fist time in judicial history that a Judge has been booked for a serious criminal offence such as establishing links with underworld. [Judge linked to Shakeel to face trial today. *Tribune*. December 3, 2001: 8]

Singh, Kaval Khushwant

Kaval Khushwant, wife of noted journalist and known writer

Khushwant Singh passed away on December 28, 2001. In deference to her wishes no religious rites were performed at her cremation ceremony which took place on December 28, 2001. Khushwant Singh requested his friends and well-wishers not to throng his residence and refrain from sending condolence messages as he wanted to be left alone in his moment of grief. [Khushwant Singh bereaved. *Tribune*. December 29, 2001: 8]

Singh, Laxmi Narian (Chaudhary)

51-year-old lawyer-turned-politician from Kosi, Mathura, Laxmi Narian Singh, who is also the jail minister of Uttar Pradesh has been blessed with a son after having fathered 10 daughters. Singh belongs to the Loktantrik Congress Party (LCP) [Minister's 11: 10 daughters + 1 boy. *Times of India*. May 11, 2001: 1]

Singh, N.K.

N.K. Singh, Officer on Special Duty in the Prime Minister's Office, has been appointed as a member of the Planning Commission, with a status of the minister of state for a period of five years. He fills the vacancy created by the exit of Montek Singh Ahluwalia from the Planning Commission. Singh is an IAS officer of the 1964 batch. Before joining PMO as OSD, he was a Union Secretary. He retired from that position in January 2000. As OSD in PMO, Singh attracted a lot of criticism. [*India Today*. May 14, 2001: 17]

Singh, Rajnath

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister and senior BJP leader, Rajnath Singh, was on April 9, 2001 declared elected in the Haidergarh Assembly election in Barabanki district, polling for which had taken place on April 7, 2001. Singh was not a member of either House of the State Legislature and under the law he had to become the member of the state legislature within six months of assuming the Chief Minister's post that was to expire on April 27, 2001.

- Rajnath wins in Haidergarh. *Tribune*. April 10, 2001: 1.
- It is second Tehelka: Congress. *Tribune*. April 10, 2001: 1.

UP Chief Minister Rajnath Singh's attempt to craft a new reservation policy with a view to increasing BJP's social base in the state has hit a roadblock from his Tourism minister, Ashok Yadav. Yadav says that quota within quota is against the nationally declared policy on reservation. In this Yadav has some supporters among his ministerial colleagues. [Rajnath Singh faces challenge from within the Party. *Times of India*. July 23, 2001: 8]

Rajnath Singh, CM of Uttar Pradesh, has been invited by the Indian Muslim Federation, U.K. for the reception for taking remarkable decisions in the interest of Indian Muslims. The Federation is the leading organisation of Muslims in Britain and is recognized by the United Nations. [Rajnath invited by Muslim body in U.K. *Tribune*. October 29, 2001: 15]

Singh, S.P. (Dr.)

Surinderpal Singh, Dean, College Development Council and Head of School of Punjabi Studies, GND University, Amritsar took over as the Vice-Chancellor of GNDU on July 23, 2001 for a period of three years.

He had done his post-graduation in Punjabi from the Panjab University, Chandigarh, and Ph.D. from Punjabi University, Patiala. He started his career as a Lecturer in GGN Khalsa College, Ludhiana in 1968 and shifted to the Punjabi University, Patiala as a Lecturer in 1978. In 1985 he joined GND University as a Reader.

He has supervised 20 Ph.D. theses and 45 M.Phil. dissertations. He has published 22 general books, work books and anthologies. He has written / presented 60 research papers, 210 articles, 525 abstracts and reviews and attended international conferences in the USA, Canada, UK and Switzerland, 50 national conferences and 200 regional conferences. He has organized 15 international and national conferences.

He has been honoured with the "International Award for Immigrant Literature" by the NRI Sabha. The University Grants Commission has awarded him a major project on Punjabi literature by immigrants. Similarly, Guru Nanak Dev University has assigned him a research project on the subject. He is a Fellow of the Punjab Sahit Akademi, Chandigarh.

He has so far held the position of Syndic, Senator, member of the

Academic Council, Research Degree Committee and Research Degree Board of Guru Nanak Dev University and Punjabi University, Patiala. He is also a member of the Punjabi Development Committee of Punjabi University, Patiala, Council for Higher Education (Government of Punjab), Advisory Board (Punjab Language Department) and Punjab School Education Board.

He is vice-president of the Punjabi Bhasha Academy, Jalandhar; Chairman of the Punjabi Sahit Te Sabhiachar Manch, Amritsar; and a member of the Kendri Punjabi Lekhak Sabha, the Punjabi Sahit Academie, the Punjabi Journalists Association and the Janwadi Manch, Punjab.

Dr. S.P. Singh, the newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, has been the classmate of Mr. Barjinder Singh, the *Ajit* editor. The *Tribune* headline has said: " Barjinder Singh behind the appointment?" The VC or the Editor did not deny this. Nirmal Sandhu states: The whole academic environment is polluted. It is sickening to see professors chasing politicians for petty gains. Think of the fall out. If the VC appointment is political, how can teachers' selections and promotions be on merit? How can students' admission be fair? The malaise spreads creating architects of future disasters. Telling politicians to stop interference will not work. Apolitical, talented, now sulking professors should join hands and stand up to every wrong. They alone can keep politicians out. [Nirmal Sandhu. Of VCs and politics. *Tribune*. July 26, 2001: 9]

Singhal, K.C. (Dr.)

State Government of Punjab ordered a vigilance inquiry into the alleged irregularities committed by the Head of the School of Business Management of Punjabi University, Patiala, during an alumni meeting in 1999. An FIR was registered by the University against this Head in January 2000. The Punjab and Haryana High Court however ordered *status-quo* in the matter. Consequently Dr. Singhal was reinstated as the Head of the Dept. Police also proceeded to file the FIR.

Dr. Singhal has been accused of wrong doings during the conduct of a Varsity alumni meeting in October 1999. Besides others, specific charges include getting advertisement from six firms which were not included in the accounts, making duplicate receipts, and employing a caterer who was not authorized by the Varsity. [Vigilance case against dept. Head. *Tribune*. October 12, 2001: 1, 20]

Singla, Sant Ram

Senior Congress leader Sant Ram Singla criticized National Minorities Commission Vice-Chairman Tarlochan Singh for proposing the formation of a group of Sikh MPs in Parliament on May 3 at Patiala. He said that any movement to create any group on the basis of religion would be dangerous. [Singla flays move to form Sikh MP group. *Tribune*. May 4, 2001: 3]

Sinha, Yashwant

Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha on May 3, 2001 in New Delhi made a frontal attack on the prophets of doom who were forecasting a slow-down in Indian economy and asserted that a growth rate of over 6 per cent will be maintained in 2001. [Sinha attacks prophets of doom. *Tribune*. May 4, 2001: 13].

Sobti, R.C. (Dr.)

Dr. R.C. Sobti, Professor, Biotechnology, Panjab University, Chandigarh has been elected as the President of the Punjab Academy of Sciences. The Academy is responsible for the development of sciences in Punjab. [*Tribune*. June 11, 2001: 3]

Soch, Harbhajan Singh (Dr.)

On a petition seeking the registration of an FIR against Dr. H.S. Soch, VC of GND University, Mr. Justice V.M. Jain of the Punjab & Haryana High Court issued notice of motion for July 11 to the respondent. The petition in this regard was filed by Dr. Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Dean and Professor-cum-Head of Dept. of Sports Medicine who alleged that a resolution no. 35 which was never passed at the meeting of University's Finance Committee held in October 13, 2000 was forged and recorded in the minutes book of the meeting. A representation was made to SSP for the registration of a case of forgery against the VC, but no action on the same has been taken. [Notice on plea against VC. *Tribune*. July 7, 2001: 4]

There was a speculation that Dr. H.S. Soch, VC, GND University; Amritsar might get an extension in service for a year. [Dr. Soch may get extension. *Tribune*. July 20, 2001: 1, 20]

Dr. Harbhajan Singh Soch laid down his office as Vice-Chancellor, GND University, Amritsar on July 22, 2001. He has been the VC of the University for a period of five years. His request for further extension was not acceded to by CM Prakash Singh Badal. He has been replaced by Dr. S.P. Singh, the Professor and Head School of Punjabi Studies and Dean, Colleges Development of GNDU.

Dr. Soch is being criticized for making certain appointments on the last working day of his term. Several academicians plan to approach new VC for reviewing the controversial appointments. Some politicians have also written to the Chancellor regarding this. [Appointments raise eyebrows – Soch says he followed precedent. *Tribune*. July 25, 2001: 6]

Sodhi, N.K. (Justice)

Justice N.K. Sodhi has been appointed as Chairman, Punjab Advisory Board vice Justice R.S. Mongia who was recently elevated as the Chief Justice of the Guwahati High Court. [Sodhi is Chief of Advisory Board. *Tribune*. June 27, 2001: 4]

Sondhi, M.L. (Prof.)

Prof M.L. Sondhi, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) has sought the intervention of the Prime Minister to end the state of siege to which the Council is being subjected to and develop a forward looking strategy for the intellectual development of the Indian social science community. He adds, "The potential danger facing the ICSSR is now the gravest it has ever faced in 30 years." He further writes, "Nothing should be done to downgrade the pioneering and visionary achievement of one of India's leading educationist J.P. Nayak in establishing the ICSSR in 1969 to encourage social science programmes through independent and world class institutions. [ICSSR Chief seeks PM's intervention. *Tribune*. May 31,2001: 18]

Prof. M.L. Sondhi has been removed as Chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and has been replaced by K.S. Sarma. Prof. Sondhi has gone to the Delhi High Court against this decision of the Government. Moving the Court, Professor Sondhi alleged that he was sacked as he had opposed the implementation of the Hindutva agenda by RS-backed elements in the Govt. Additional Solicitor-General justifying his removal said the functioning of the ICSSR has become impossible under him and almost all its members had written to the Govt. in this regard. Sondhi's plea for stay on his removal has been refused by Delhi High Court.

- Sondhi's dismissal. *Tribune.* July 25, 2001: 6.
- HC refuses stay on Sondhi's removal. *Tribune.* July 28, 2001: 8.
- We can make rules to validate Sondhi's sacking. *Times of India.* July 29, 2001: 4.

Dr. M.M. Joshi, Human Resource Development Minister has been slapped a legal notice demanding Rs.10 million and a public apology for defaming a social scientist sacked in August from a top government post. Mr. M.L. Sondhi, dismissed as Chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) served notice on Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, demanding the compensation and a public apology.

Mr. Sondhi, a former Indian Foreign Service officer, was dismissed on charges of "unbecoming behaviour", financial irregularities and injudicious spending, allegedly causing resource crunches in the multi-million-rupee budget ICSSR, which has 27 research institutes and regional centres in its charge.

A Law Ministry official told: "This is the first case of its kind. We have asked the minister to handle the case at his level and avoid going to court". Mr. Joshi has been advised to go for an out-of-court settlement. The notice gives Joshi three weeks to comply, failing which Mr. Sondhi would begin legal proceedings including filing of suit for defamation and consequent damages in court. [Minister asked to apologise for defamation. *Tribune.* November 10, 2001: 13]

Soni, Dayalchandra

Dayalchandra Soni has been chosen for the Tagore Literacy Award. Earlier he was associated with Vidya Bhavan, a deemed University and Seva Mandir. [*Tribune.* September 9, 2001: 8]

Soor, Balwant Kaur

The honour of 'Member of British Empire' was conferred on Ms. Balwant Kaur Soor by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II on December 30. 2000. Ms. Soor who is the Chairperson of the Bebe Nanaki Charitable Trust, was honoured for her active involvement in international charity. [*Tribune.* January 1, 2001: 7]

Soota, Ashok

Chairman and CEO of Mind Tree Consulting, Ashok Soota has been elected the Vice-President of Confederation of Indian Industries. He was named the Electronic Man of 1992 by Elcina, and had served as a member of the Prime Minister's task force for development of IT industry. Soota, an engineer and MBS from the Asian Institute of Management, Philippines, took over as President of Wipro Infotech in 1984 and led the company's information technology business which has a turnover of Rs.15 billion today. He has held important positions in the IT sector including President of the Manufacturers' Association for Information Technology (MAIT), Chairman, CII National Committee for Electronics and Information Technology. In 1999 co-founded the Mind Tree Consulting with nine other professionals to provide high-quality solutions with low total cost of ownership to its clients.

Soren, Shibu

The Supreme Court today upheld a Delhi High Court order dismissing a petition by former JMM Member of Parliament Shibu Soren seeking quashing of an FIR lodged by the CBI against him for acquiring assets disproportionate to known sources of his income.

In the impugned order dated January 1,2001, the high court said: "At this stage, we will not like to interfere with the investigation by the CBI".

A Division Bench comprising Mr. Justice G.B. Pattanaik and Mr. Justice U.C. Bannerjee also reiterated the stand taken by the High Court while dismissing the Special Leave Petition (SLP) against the High Court order.

"The lawmakers pounce upon even those who take one rupee bribe. Why should this Court, therefore, at this stage scuttle the investigation in a case of acquiring illegally huge assets," the judges observed.

The Court also turned down the plea of senior counsel P.P. Rao, appearing for Mr. Soren, seeking permission to withdraw the SLP.

While convicting former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao and others in the JMM bribery case, the special judge expressed the opinion that the apex court judgement, upholding the immunity under Article 105(2) to the bribe takers from prosecution for offences under Section 7 and 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(d) of the PCA and conspiracy for committing the said offences, would not be available for the offence under Section 13(1)(e) of the Act provided its investigations were made out after going into the relevant material and records. [SC upholds order in Soren case. *Tribune*. February 17, 2001: 1]

The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (S) suffered a major blow on July 19, 2001 with the Supreme Court setting aside the party president, Shibu Soren's election to the Rajya Sabha. A three-judge bench upheld the Patna High Court order, which had cancelled Mr. Soren's election. Patna High Court had held that Mr. Soren was holding an office of profit under the State Government as the Chairman of Interim Jharkhand Area Autonomous Council hence disqualified to contest under article 102(1)(a) of the constitution. The High Court had declared Dayanand Shahey as elected in place of Soren.

Sreedharan, E.

E. Sreedharan, the managing director of the Delhi Metro Project, spoke to Arun Kumar Das about the urgent need to change urban transportation pattern in India. He said: "Urban transport infrastructure facilities and services are amongst the most important factors of the urban economy. An able, adequate and efficient transport system permits cities and towns to become catalysts for economic, social and industrial development."

Sreedharan is a renowned civil engineer and was a Member, (Engineering) of the Railway Board. He has recently been awarded the Padma Shree for his contributions and is today regarded as an expert on urban transportation. [Quick Access Metros. *Times of India*. August 7, 2001: 10]

Sridhar, Anup

18-year old Indian Anup Sridhar won the men's singles title at the second French Junior International Badminton Under-19 Championship at Echirolles, Grenoble.

Srivastava, Nand Krishna (Dr.)

Dr. N.K. Srivastava has been honoured with Member of the British Empire (MBE) for his services to the terminally ill. The honour was conferred on Dr. Srivastava by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II on December 30, 2000. [*Tribune*. January 1, 2001: 7]

Srivastava, O.P.

O.P. Srivastava, an officer of the 1994 batch of the Indian Revenue Service, took over as Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on July 31, 2001. He was till now member of the CBDT. He has worked in various posts in Income-tax Department in Mumbai, Delhi and Kanpur.

He was Director-General of Income-tax (investigation), Mumbai, Chief Commissioner of Income-tax, Delhi and Director-General of Income-tax (Administration) before joining CBDT as a Member. Earlier he had worked as Commissioner of Income-tax in Mumbai and also as Director in CBDT. He also worked in the Department of Company Affairs. [O.P. Srivastava takes over as CBDT Chief. *The Economic Times*. August 1, 2001: 14]

Stalin, M.K.

A Chennai court on February 16, 2001 directed the State Vigilance Directorate to probe a private complaint against Chennai Mayor and DMK leader M.K. Stalin alleging amassing of unaccounted wealth by him to the tune of Rs.8 crores since assuming office in 1996. M.K. Stalin is the son of former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, M. Karunanidhi. [Probe against Mayor ordered. *Tribune*. February 17, 2001: 8]

M.K. Stalin, the Mayor of Chennai, has been granted bail by the Session Court of Chennai. In a sever indictment of the prosecution the Court held: “The way in which the complaint has been lodged, FIR registered, and time taken to decide the arrests, without examining witnesses and not interrogating them after their arrest would go to show that the FIR had been lodged with an ulterior motive and meant to put them behind bars immediately.” [Stalin granted bail. *Tribune*. July 7, 2001: 20]

M.K. Stalin, the youngest son of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Mr.M. Karunanidhi, is the future leader of the Dravadian party. His powerful father has groomed him assiduously for years and the 46-year old Stalin now calls the shot in party matters and also wields influence on the State Government.

He played a major role in forging alliances and hammering out seat-sharing arrangements in the just-concluded elections. The DMK’s candidates were handpicked by him and most of them owe allegiance to him.

Significantly, poll posters describe him as "the general", implying that he now leads the organisation. Already in the evening of his life, Mr. Karunanidhi has declared that on May 10 he had contested his last election.

In Tamil Nadu nobody doubts that Stalin will don the mantle of his father. He, however, denies that he is the chief ministerial candidate but, adds that the party will "democratically" decide in due course the leadership issue of the legislature party.

In the event of the DMK recapturing power, the transition is likely to be gradual but if Mr. Karunanidhi's party losses, Mr. Stalin will have to face the wrath of his detractors and that includes the Chief Minister's nephew and Union Minister Murasoli Maran.

Nevertheless, Mr. Stalin appears to be formidable, having been commanding the loyalty of the party cadres, who acknowledge him as their "general".

Either way the dynastic succession in the biggest Dravadian party has almost been firmed up and also it has touched off reaction which may grow louder if the DMK is routed in the battle at the husting.

Why has Mr. Karunanidhi chosen his youngest son to step into his shoes? Perhaps Mr. Stalin is smartest of his three sons and has gone through the rough and tumble of politics. He stood by his father like a rock when the DMK Government was dismissed soon after the proclamation of the Emergency. So much so that he was detained under MISA and even tortured.

Barely 24 then, the jail term could not subdue his spirit and, on the contrary, he became more resolute. Mr. Karunanidhi's two other sons rebelled. The eldest, Mr. M.K. Sethu, crossed over to the AIADMK and even campaigned against his father while the second, Mr. M.K. Azhagiri, battled against his father's party from his base in Madurai. The third, Mr. Tamilarasu, is virtually out of politics.

Mr. Azhagiri's clout at the time of the 1998 Parliamentary elections and the subsequent Assembly elections was known to be more than Mr. Stalin's, but he did not inspire the cadres like his younger brother.

Mr. Stalin upstaged Mr. Azhagiri in the family coup and, strangely, he did this with the blessings of Mr. Karunanidhi, who disowned his second son through a statement published in the party's organ "Murasoli".

Mr. Stalin's prestige and entire political career was put at stake only a couple of months back when a city court directed the Tamil Nadu police to probe the allegation against him (now he is Mayor of Chennai) that he had amassed unaccounted wealth since assuming office in 1996.

The Principal Sessions Judge directed the Directorate of Vigilence and Anti-Corruption to conduct the inquiry by an official into the allegation. Mr. Stalin sprang a surprise by appearing before the judge unsummoned and requesting him to order "any suitable" inquiry, contending that if the probe was not instituted he would be denied the opportunity to clear his name.

The charges were subsequently found to be baseless and the judge dismissed the case while showering praise on Mr. Stalin, describing him as "a model first citizen". His comments reportedly were: "Tamil Nadu needs leader like Stalin".

Mr. Stalin's ascendancy in the DMK's hierarchy has been slow but steady. Soon after the Emergency ended, he was elected to the DMK's General Council and within three years – in 1980 – constituted the party's youth wing which enabled him in the coming years to raise an effective cadre committed to him.

Of course, he had the backing of his powerful father and, in the process another bright youth leader, Mr. Y. Gopalaswamy alias Vaiko, quit the DMK to form the MDMK.

A massive conclave of DMK workers was organised by Mr. Stalin in 1997 which was described in political circles as the "coronation ceremony" of Mr. Karunanidhi's son.

Mr. Stalin got a big boost when he was elected Mayor of the Chennai Corporation by a massive margin of over four lakh votes. His landslide victory also marked the gradual replacement of the old generation by the new. As Mayor, he has lauched a project to beautify Chennai. Also, energetic as he is, he has initiated the construction of over a dozen flyovers and makes it a point to make on-the-spot inspection of the progress. [The man who will replace Karunanidhi. *Tribune.* May 13, 2001: 13]

Stokes, Vidya

Mrs. Vidya Stokes, the PCC President resigned from the all-party committee set up to probe the removal of the portrait of Mrs. Indira Gandhi from Raj Bhavan where the Simla Agreement was signed by her and Pakistan PM, Z.A. Bhutto. She requested the Governor Dr. Suraj Bhan to get the portrait re-installed to put an end to this controversy. [Stoke quits panel. *Tribune*. July 22, 2001: 4]

Subramanian, A.V.

A.V. Subramanian, who was the Speaker of Pondicherry Assembly, disqualified three Tamil Manila Congress members – S. Manohar, A. Edumalai and K. Rajasekhran - by issuing a notification. These MLAs of Pondicherry Territorial Assembly broke away from the TMC to form the TMC (Manohar faction) were disqualified on December 25, 2001 under the Anti-Defection Law following a petition by Mr. Jayakumar and Mr. Kandaswamy (both TNC ministers). The Madras High Court on February 8, 2001 set aside their disqualification. [Disqualification set aside. *Tribune*. February 9, 2001: 8]

Subramanyam, P.S.

CBI raided premises of former UTI Chairman P.S. Subramanyam in Mumbai on charges of defrauding the country's largest mutual fund. Government also appointed on July 29, 2001 a three member high-level committee to probe UTI activities under the Chairmanship of S.S. Tarapore, the former RBI deputy governor.

CBI has already registered a case against P.S. Subramanyam and others for causing wrongful gain of Rs.32.8 crore to Cyberspace Ltd, Mumbai and corresponding loss to UTI.

- CBI raids house of UTI ex-chief. *Tribune*. July 21, 2001: 1
- CBI raids premises of ex-UTI chief officials. *Times of India*. July 21, 2001: 1

P.S. Subramanyam and his associates conspired and made a private placement of 3.45 lakh shares at Rs.930 per share aggregating Rs.32.8 crore in Lucknow based Cyberspace Ltd. belonging to Arvind M. Johari. [UTI ex-chief remanded in police custody. *Times of India*. July 22, 2001: 1]

Mr. Subramanyam's arrest is being seen as a face-saving solution for the govt. which has been worried about the fallout of the UTI crisis in Parliament. Brokers in Mumbai said the arrest of Subramanyam on charges of causing wrongful gain of Rs.32 crore to Cyberspace Ltd. was absurd.

- UTI ex-Chief's arrest a cover for govt. *Tribune.* July 22, 2001: 18.
- Subramanyam denied bail. *Tribune.* August 4, 2001: 1.
- Former UTI Chief gives clean chit to PMO. *Times of India.* August 10, 2001: 1.
- UTI ex-Chief a Jaya man: Fernandes. Times of India. August 13, 2001: 1.

Sukh Ram

Delhi High Court on January 30, 2001 exonerated former Communication Minister Sukh Ram from corruption charges in the Rs.1.6 crores telecom equipment deal. The CBI had charge-sheeted Sukh Ram for the alleged favours shown by him to Patala Rama Rao's firm in the purchase of telecom equipment. High Court, however found Sukh Ram's decision as bonafide. Mr. Justice R.S. Sodhi also discharged co-accused Runu Ghosh and Patala Rama Rao of the charges framed by special CBI judge Ajit Bharihoke under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. [HC discharges Sukh Ram. *Tribune.* January 31, 2001: 14]

Himachal Vikas Congress Chief Sukh Ram on June 24, 2001 at Dharamsala (H.P.) accused BJP of making efforts to bring about a split in his party. He said, "I am under tremendous pressure from my party workers to withdraw support from the Government but I am resisting it as coalition culture is here to stay." He regretted that his party was never consulted on major policy issues. [Efforts on to split HVC. *Tribune.* June 25, 2001: 6]

Sukhwinder Singh

Sukhwinder Singh of Punjab has been retained as the Chief Coach of the Indian Football team till the Asian Games in 2002 as a reward for the Indian senior soccer team's substantially improved show in the pre-Olympic championship, which had also earned Sukhwinder the Best Coach of Asia Award. [Sukhwinder retained as Chief Coach till Asiad. *Tribune.* June 10, 2001: 22]

Suresh Singh

Manipur lad Suresh Singh unleased an avalanche of punches which devastated his opponent Ashok Kumar of Haryana 20-8 in the first round of the fly weight category of the boxing event of the National Games held at Polo Grounds. Suresh shredded his rival's defence ribbons. In the first two rounds, the young Haryana boxer had Suresh in some difficulty. However, Suresh overcame the problem and simply pulverized Ashok Kumar into submission by unleashing some powerful punches. [Easy win for Suresh. *Tribune*. November 22, 2001: 16]

Surinder Singh (Brig.)

Brig. Surinder Singh whose services have been terminated in June 2001, claimed that the Army brass had been apprised of intrusions in the Turtuk and Haneef sectors as early as February 1999, but the euphoria over the Lahore bus diplomacy prevailed upon logic and professionalism. Brig. Singh was removed as the Brigade Commander on July 21, 1999 at the height of the Kargil conflict. His services have been terminated on the charges of mishandling classified documents and for not seeking proper permission for vacating the Bajrang post in the Kaksar sector. [Gen. Malik leaked classified papers. *Tribune*. June 25, 2001: 4]

While a former Commander of Kargil-based 121 Infantary Brigade, Brig. Surinder Singh asserted on June 24, 2001 at Chandigarh at the Court of Inquiry that he received prior permission for vacating the Bajrang post, officers at 3 Div. HQ had denied having never accorded such permission or even receiving reports that the said post had been vacated during the winter of 1998-99. The then GOC 3 Division, Major Gen. V.S. Budhwar had issued specific orders to 121 and 102 Brigades that no permanent post should be vacated in 1998-99 as per record. [Div. HQ staff refute Surinder Singh's claim. *Tribune*. June 26, 2001: 3]

Sushil Kumar (Admiral)

Naval Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar takes over as the first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) on Monday, April 16, 2001. The Cabinet Committee on Security, chaired by the Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, had recommended his name for this position. The appointment of CDS was recommended by the group of Ministers in the wake of findings of the Kargil Review Committee [*Indian Express*, April 12, 2001: 1, 4]

Swami, Nityanand

At the meeting of the state BJP Legislature Party Nityanand Swami, CM proposed the name of Bhagat Singh Koshiyari as the new CM on October 29, 2001 at Dehra Dun. It was seconded by Finance Minister Ramesh Pokhariyal Nishank. Swami has been the victim of his advisors and family members. Although a shrewd politician, Swami lacked administrative experience. His son-in-law Brijesh and his friends Sunil and Shrikant (OSD to CM) misused the powers to gain financial benefits. CM's daughter was employed as a Librarian in the State Assembly without advertising the post. Similarly 22 other employees were recruited in the Assembly without creating posts under the influence of CM. This and many other acts generated criticism and he had to quit.

- Swami told to pack up. *Tribune*. October 28, 2001: 8.
- Coterie caused Swami's downfall. *Tribune*. October 30, 2001: 6.

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Talwandi, Jagdev Singh

The SGPC Chief Jagdev Singh Talwandi declared at Chandigarh on June 25, 2001 that Sant Jarnail Singh Bhinderanwale had been declared a 'Shaheed' by SGPC in 1995 and there was no controversy about it. He made this statement after Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti, Jathedar Akal Takht directed SGPC Chief on June 6, 2001 to set up a committee within 15 days to look into the controversy relating to the Bhinderanwale's death. It may be added that Damdami Taksal had been claiming that Sant Bhindranwale is alive, and hence the controversy. [Bhindranwale declared shaheed in 1995. *Tribune*. June 26, 2001: 4]

President of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) Jagdev Singh Talwandi got a respite after the five high priests reserved their decision on the statement issued by him against the Jathedar of Akal Takht Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti on the Bandi Choor Divas (Diwali). They said they would deliberate on this sensitive issue in the near future. However, the recorded cassette of Talwandi's statement was played before other high priests during the meeting.

Talwandi had circiticised Vedanti's working. Going against tradition, he had also issued a message to the panth, a prerogative of Jathedar of Akal Takht. Talwandi's statement had drawn lot of flak form various Sikh bodies. Sources revealed that Vedanti had even made up his minde to summon Talwandi for his statement and belittling the importance of Jathedar of Akal Takht, but Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal's poor health had prevented him to take any hard stance to avoid causing more problems for Badal.

- Badal's fall may come to Talwandi's rescue. *Times of India*. November 20, 2001: 6.

- Vedanti goes soft on Talwandi. *Times of India*. November 21, 2001: 4.
- Talwandi's remarks shameful: Clergy. *Tribune*. November 21, 2001: 3.

Tandon, Raveena

Raveena's selection as the Best Actress for her role in Kalpana Lajimi's *Daman* at the National Film Awards 2000 on March 27, 2001 created a big controversy. Three jury members—film makers Pradip Krishen, Shashi Anand and dancer Madhumita Raut resigned on March 25, 2001 against the selection of Raveena Tandon. Questions were also raised about the composition and credibility of the jury which was allegedly stacked with BJP sympathisers including RSS mouthpiece 'Panchjanya' editor Tarun Vijay, BJP MP Shatrughan Sinha's confidante Shashi Ranjan, BJP Cuttack MLA Nivedita Pradhan and Raveena Tandon's maternal uncle Macmohan. Some disgruntled jury members alleged that Raveena was a hot favourite with the safforn brigade in the jury since she had campaigned for the BJP during the elections. [Controversy mars National Film Awards. *Times of India*. March 28, 2001: 1]

Raveena Tandon was selected for 'Best Actress' award for her role in *Daman*, an NDFC-financed film. Raveena portrays the role of a sexually abused wife who under-goes torture at the hands of her husband and brother-in-law for the sake of her daughter. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. May 2001: 152]

Tantray, Abdul Hamid

Abdul Hamid Tantray (Commander Masood) a top militant and deputy chief of the Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, was killed on July 25, 2001 in an encounter with the Special Operation Group of the Jammu & Kashmir police at Pahoo in Pulwana district. One pistol with a magazine and six rounds and some incriminating documents were recovered from his possession.

Tantray was from Sangas-Keharweth village in Anantnag district. He had led a four-member delegation during talk with the Central Government delegation on August 3, 2000. Tantray was also chief spokesman of Hizbul Mujahideen and was active for the last 11 years.

- Top Hizb militant killed. *Tribune*. July 26, 2001: 1.
- Hizb commander among nine militants killed in Jammu & Kashmir. *Times of India*. July 26, 2001: 1.

Tej Pratap (Dr.)

Dr. Tej Pratap, Vice-Chancellor, H.P. Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Palmpur says that despite having good infrastructure and scientific manpower, the University is still working on national crops like wheat and rice whereas the need of the hour is to focus on hill crops. He adds that there is a need for reorientation in the University as students should be prepared not for government jobs but for entrepreneurship. With factors like scarce land, increasing problem of livelihood for the farmers, and fewer government jobs, agriculture graduates should be more suited for agri-business. [VC's stress on his perspective. *Tribune*. June 10, 2001: 7]

Tejpal, Tarun

Tarun Tejpal, the chief executive officer and chief editor of tehelka, has exposed the kickbacks received by some politicians, bureaucrats and army officers in the fake defence deal in Armsgate.

Tehelka.com Managing Director and Editor-in-Chief Tarun Tejpal deposed before the Army's Court of inquiry on March 20, 2001 and handed over the four and half hour film that the news portal had secretly taped showing senior army officers and politicians taking money from people posing as arms dealers. [Tejpal deposes before Army Court. *Tribune*. March 21, 2001: 8]

Mr. Jaswinder Singh Waraich, a Canada based native of a Punjab village – Majat village of Ropar district – has announced an Award of Rs.1,00,000/- for Tarun Tejpal. Tarun Tejpal is Editor-in-Chief of Tehelka.com which exposed alleged corruption in Defence deals. Waraich, who runs a driving school in Toronto, says that Tehelka.com brought about a revolution in the media by carrying out a sting operation to expose the nexus among politicians, Defence Ministry officials and armed forces personnel in matters relating to Defence procurement. [Rs.1 lakh award for Tarun Tejpal. *Tribune*. March 22, 2001: 17]

Tarun Tejpal is the former managing editor of the well-known English magazine *Outlook*. He established @ tehelka.com in March 2000 with the cooperation of a few investigative and committed journalists. He earned a name by first exposing the match fixing scandal in Indian cricket. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. May 2001: 152]

The *India Today* adds: Tarun Tejpal, editor-in-chief of tehalka.com, has proved that even news-hunters can also be newsmakers. The under cover taping of the defence bribery system was unprecedented. Tehelka's unorthodox investigation led to Jaya Jaitly losing her job as Samata Party President, to George Fernandes leaving the Defence Ministry, to Bangaru Laxman losing BJP Presidentship. [Eye spy. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 88]

Tendulkar, Sachin

Sachin Tendulkar on March 31, 2001 became first batsman in the 30 year history of one day international cricket to make 10,000 runs. Tendulkar already had highest number of centuries in the limited overs game. Tendulkar attained this landmark while on his way to his 28th hundred in Indore against Australia. Sachin reached this milestone when he pushed a Shane Warne delivery down the ground to long-off for a single. [Tendulkar crossed 10,000-run mark. *Tribune*. April 1, 2001: 22]

Sachin Tendulkar joined the group of legendary cricketers whose names embellish the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, with the Mumbai Cricket Association deciding to name the MCA pavilion after the Indian batting maestro. The proposal to honour Tendulkar after he became the first batsman to score 10,000 runs in on-day cricket, was cleared at the MCA's marathon four-hour meeting on Tuesday night which was chaired by vice-president of MCA, Pravin Barve. Barve while making the announcement said, "the Mumbai star who achieved the milestone during the recent home series against Australia and was awarded the prestigious Maharashtra Bhushan Award of the state government would be felicitated by the Association on May 23 at Wankhede Stadium". The East and West Stands have been named after Gavaskar and Merchant, while two main gates of the stadium are known as Umrigar and Mankad Gates and the dressing room has been named after Manjrekar. [Tendulkar Pavilion. *Tribune*. May 17, 2001: 18]

Sachin Tendulkar, the legendary Indian Cricketer, was honoured with Maharashtra Bhushan Award on April 24, 2001. He is already a recipient of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award of 1997-98, and Padma Vibhushan of 2000. Sachin Tendulkar holds unique world records of over 10,000 runs and 28 centuries along with 100 wickets in one-dayers. He has been the Captain of Indian Cricket Team. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. June 2001: 157]

Fiat India Ltd. has announced the signing of cricket maestro Sachin Tendulkar as its brand ambassador. His association with Fiat would commence with the premium small car, Palio, to be launched later this year. The company feels Tendulkar is the perfect brand ambassador as his elevated level of performance and dynamic, creative stroke-play will get perfect with the approach that Fiat will soon adopt in the market. [Fiat signs Sachin as brand ambassador. *The Economic Times*. August 1, 2001: 13]

Sachin Tendulkar has been included in the dream team of Sir Donald Bradman. Bradman considered Sachin closest to himself in technique and tempramen, according to Roland Perry, the author of *Bradman's Best*. Perry added: "It is known that Bradman had said Sachin's shot production, style and compactness were closest to him…. Both players had mutual friendship and respect for each other." A thrilled Sachin on August 14, 2001 in Delhi described his inclusion in the "dream team" of cricket legend Sir Donald Bradman as the greatest thing to happen. Sachin said: "It is a great honour. Greatest thing to happen. It is important when Sir Don speaks anything and especially when he selects me in his team, there cannot be better thing than that." [Bradman selected Sachin as someone nearest to him. *Times of India*. August 15, 2001: 21]

Gavaskar called it a fake team, which did not include his name. Gavaskar told the *Hindustan Times*: I refuse to believe the Bradmand Dream XI was actually Sir Don's personal selection for the world's greatest-ever combination.

- Gavaskar calls it a fake team. *Times of India*. August 15, 2001: 21.
- Dream team gets more brick bats. *Times of India*. August 18, 2001: 17.

It's not just the fans of Master Blaster Sachin Tendulkar who are opposed to the decision of match referee Mike Denness hauling him up for ball tampering. Even the cricket fraternity has questioned the fairness of the decisions.

Cricket coach DP Azad says, "There is an important rule of the game which we impart to all the youngsters at the cricket academy; 'keep the seam clean from the mud and grass' and that is what Sachin did. The decision of the match referee is inexplicable. Sachin was just cleaning the seam, not raising it. It's ball tampering only when the seam is raised. Sachin did not violate any rule. He has never been in any controversy in his career till date. All this has been blown out of proportion."

Cricketer Dinesh Mongia was of the opinion: "Since it had been raining and it was cloudy, a lot of mud had accumulated on the ball and there was no way a bowler could bowl without cleaning the ball and that's what Sachin did. The team has been unfairly targeted. No action was taken against Michael Slater of Australia when he hurled abuses at Rahul Dravid or when Glenn McGrath was offensive against Sachin Tendulkar. Why target six players of our country for minor offences? As for Sachin, he would never do such a thing."

The entire episode has been blown out of proportion, says Daljeet Singh, former Ranji Player and chairman of the pitch and ground committee, Punjab Cricket Association. "Players from the subcontinent are always targeted while the Whites are let off easily. Sachin was going by the rules; anyone who sees the video footage can know that he was only cleaning the ball. Even the decision against Virendra Sehwag is too harsh, I know him personally and know that he would never do anything wrong. Our cricket board should take up the matter with the ICC."

Cricketer Yuvraj Singh maintains, "I am absolutely astonished. Sachin has been playing for the past 12 years and has not even been given a warning and then comes in such a bizarre allegation against him. I look up to him and know for sure that he wouldn't do anything to damage the tempo of the game. The world knows that he is a clean player. Even the decisions against the others are inexplicable."

"The ball was in the 19th over," says cricketer Bhupinder Singh Sr., "and didn't need any tampering. Sachin is someone who plays straight and would never do anything to malign his reputation. And he doesn't need to do it. The whole cricketing fraternity is disgusted with the on going proceedings and is awaiting some kind of action against Mike Denness. Basically all this reeks of racism against Asian players, how otherwise can you explain the decision of banning half the team on petty excuses while letting the Shaun Pollocks and Michael Slaters go scot free?" [Decision against Sachin, others, reeks of racism. *Times of India*. November 22, 2001: 2]

International Cricket Council (ICC) on November 28, 2001 exonerated Sachin Tendulkar of ball-tampering charges saying that he had been guilty of merely not informing the umpires that he was cleaning the ball during the second Test against South Africa. Tendulkar had been handed down a suspended one-match ban by match referee Denness during the Second Test match between India and South Africa at Port Elizabeth for "interference with the match ball, thus changing its condition". [Sachin not guilty. *Tribune*. November 29, 2001: 1]

Batting maestro, Sachin Tendulkar was adjudged the Indian 'cricketer of the year' for the second year in succession on December 11, 2001. Tendulkar edged out the other four finalists – skipper Saurav Ganguly, Rahul Dravid, V.V.S. Laxman and Ajit Agarkar – for the prestigious Award, instituted by Castrol India Ltd. which was presented to him at a glittering ceremony in Bangalore. Tendulkar has won the Award for the third time, having bagged it in its inaugural year 1997-98 and again last year. Dravid won it in 1998-99. The award carried a trophy and a cash prize of Rs.5 lakh. The other four finalists received Rs.50,000. [Sachin bags award. *Tribune*. December 18, 2001: 14]

Thackeray, Uddhav

Apart form Bal Thackeray, the Shiv Sena is now dominated by his son Uddhav Thackeray. Raj Thackeray, Bal Thackeray's nephew finds himself completely marginalised in the Party, and has hardly any say in the party matters. In the past two years with the help of close aides like Subhash Desai, Uddhav has systematically assumed charge and now occupies the number two slot in the hierarchy. [Son scores over nephew in Sena succession war. *Times of India*. October 27, 2001: 10]

Thapar, Romila (Prof.)

Prof. Romila Thapar, an eminent historian and former member of the Governing Body of Indian Council of Historical Research, was conferred on April 17, 2001 the degree of Honoris Causa by the French National Institute of the Civilisation and Languages of the Orient, Paris in recognition of her work on the ancient history of India. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. June 2001: 157]

Theogaraj, T.K. (Brig.)

Brig. T.K. Theogaraj, known as the "Hero of Khem Karan" died in Madurai following a brief illness on November 12, 2001. He was 83. Brig. Theogaraj was awarded Maha Vir Chakra for his valour in the 1965 Indo-Pak war when he and his men knocked down 40 Pakistani 'Paton' tanks in the Khem Karan sector. He was cremated in his home town Tirunelveli. [*Tribune*. Novemeber 16, 2001: 8]

Thiyam, Ratan

Ratan Thiyam, the noted theatre personality, returned the Padma Shri Award presented to him in 1995 in protest against the Centre's decision to extend the ceasefire with the NSCN (I-M) without territorial limits. The former director of the National School of Drama, Ratan Thiyam, said that he had taken this step as a compulsion of my bleeding heart, because government's decision to extend the ceasefire had caused deaths, injuries, turmoil and restlessness in the North-East.

- Thiyam returns Padma Shri. *Tribune*. July 21, 2001: 8.
- Thiyam returns Padma Shri. *Times of India*. July 21, 2001: 1.

Tiwari, Lalit Mohan (Maj. Gen.)

Maj. Gen. Lalit Mohan Tiwari was appointed to head the UN Peace Keeping Force in Lebanon.

Tripathi, Amarmani

Amarmani Tripathi, a former minister in the UP Govt. was arrested on the charges of harbouring kidnappers and being involved in a criminal conspiracy on December 19, 2001 in Lucknow. Talking to media men at Hazratganj police station on December 19, Tripathi said: "My arrest is the result of caste differences within the BJP in general and between state party president Kalraj Mishra and Chief Minister Rajnath Singh in particular". [Amarmani blames arrest on caste war. *Times of India*. December 21, 2001: 7]

Tulsi, Tathagat Avtar

Tathagat Avtar Tulsi, 13, Guinness World Records holder for being the youngest Matriculate has now cleared the National Eligibility Test (NET) for University Lecturership. After passing M.Sc. (Physics) from Patna University at the age of 11 years 10 months, he wanted to join the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research or Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, but the institutes wanted him to clear NET first for which the minimum age is 19 years. However, with the intervention of the Union Minister of HRD, Tulsi cleared the NET in December 2000, thus enabling him to become a University Lecturer at the age of 13. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. August 2001: 167]

The Dept. of Science and Technology shocked to learn that India's 'Boy Wonder' is not what he claims to be. DST realized it was a mistake. The '"physics prodigy" from Patna was not in the original list of 16 young Indian researchers who had been identified through rigorous selection process by a committee chaired by former Atomic Energy Commission Chairman R. Chidambaram. Tulsi's name was added at the last minute simply on the basis of what the image projected by the media. A researcher added that he looked like a kid who was forced to mug up a lot of physics... He was just using some jargons without knowing their meaning.

- Tathagat no child prodigy: DST. *Times of India.* August 8, 2001: 1.
- No regret sending Tathagat to Germany: DST Secretary. *Times of India.* August 20, 2001: E-6

Turner, Sukhi Gill

Sukhi Gill Turner has created history as the first woman to be elected as a Mayor of Dunedin, Southern New Zealand third time on October 13, 2001. In New Zealand there are no chief ministers and governors. The mayor's is the highest office and the incumbent is in charge of the well-being of a city, a district and its people.

Sukhi Gill Turner is wife of New Zealand cricket legend, Glen Turner. Daughter of Chandigarh-based-parents, Squadron Leader Jasbir Singh Gill and Premjit Kaur, Sukhi did her schooling from All Saints Anglican School, Nainital and graduation from Bethany College, West Virginia, USA in history and political science. In New Zealand she joined Green Party of Aotearoa in 1993. She got elected to the City Council in her first attempt. She defeated the incumbent mayor by a margin of 2410 votes to become the first woman Mayor of Dunedin. She was re-elected in 1998 and in 2001 for a further tenure of three years each.

- Ludhiana girl's hat trick as a Mayor in New Zealand. *Tribune.* December 3, 2001: 20.
- Can women truly change India. *Tribune*: December 16, 2001: 18]

Tyagi, R.D.

R.D. Tyagi, former Joint Police Commissioner of Mumbai, indicted by a judicial probe into communal riots in the city in 1992-93, was arrested on August 14, 2001. Tyagi, whose anticipatory bail petition was rejected by the Supreme Court on August 13, was arrested at Bombay Hospital where he was admitted earlier in the day following complaint of chest pain.

The Special Task Force (STF) appointed by the present Democratic Front Government had registered an FIR against the former city Police Commissioner R.D. Tyagi and 16 others in connection with the police firing in Suleman Bakery that claimed nine lives in 1993, the police said on May 26 in Mumbai. The FIR was filed last evening against Mr. Tyagi and others under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code and allied sections.

The DF Government constituted the STF with K.P. Raghuvanshi as its chief for the implementation of the Sri Krishna Commission report which was earlier rejected by the Sena-BJP alliance government. The report had mentioned about the Suleman Bakery incident.

According to the report, Mr. Tyagi, who was the then Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) and heading a special operation squad, had claimed that he ordered the firing in self-defence. [1993 riots: former police chief booked. *Tribune.* May 27, 2001: 1]

U

Umrigar, Polly

Former Test cricketer and Indian captain, Polly Umrigar has been selected for Castrol Lifetime Achievement Award on December 5, 2001. Veteran cricketer and all-rounder Polly, was the first Indian batsman to cross the 3000 run mark in the Test Cricket. During his distinguished career, Umrigar, the ace batsman, brilliant fielder and an effective off-break bowler scored 3631 runs, including 12 centuries. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. January, 2002: 158]

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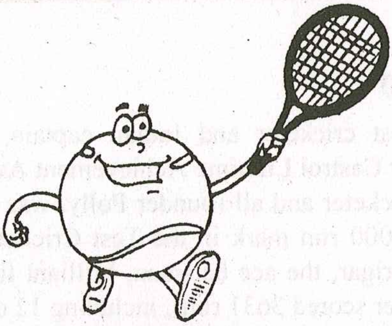

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V

Vajpayee, A.B.

India's PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee has been voted as the Man of the Year in an opinion poll conducted by the *Hindustan Times* on December 30, 2000. He received 31 per cent of the votes. The poll covered 1,224 respondents in six cities – Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore.

Vajpayee, as a part of India's Look East' policy was on a week's visit to Vietnam and Indonesia from January 7-13, 2001. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. February 2001: 147]

Following is the text of the letter which PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee wrote to Pakistan Chief Executive Gen. Pervez Musharraf, inviting him and his wife to visit India.

"Excellency,

India has, through dialogue, consistently endeavoured to build a relationship of durable peace, stability and cooperative friendship with Pakistan. Our common enemy is poverty. For the welfare of our peoples, there is no other recourse but a pursuit of the path of reconciliation, of engaging in productive dialogue, and by building trust and confidence. I invite you to walk this high road with us.

"When I visited Lahore in February in 1999, with the objective of beginning a new chapter in our bilateral relations, I had recorded at the Minar-e-Pakistan that a 'stable, secure and prosperous Pakistan is in India's interest; that remains our conviction.

"We have to pick up the threads again, including renewing the composite dialogue, so that we can put in place a stable structure of cooperation and address all outstanding issues, including J and K.

"I have the pleasure to extend a most cordial invitation to Begum Musharraf and you to visit India at your early convenience.

"Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(A.B. Vajpayee)"

- Text of the letter. *Tribune.* May 26, 2001: 1.

A.B. Vajpayee, the Prime Minister of India, offered to quit office on July 31, 2001 in view of his inability to have the NDA function in a coherent and disciplined manner. He said: "I am responsible. I cannot manage the NDA. I am also unwell." The immediate provocation for the PM's resignation, BJP MPs say was Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Nirupam's frontal attack in the Rajya Sabha on Monday, the July 30, 2001 on the alleged role of the PMO in the UTI scam. Soon after, senior BJP ministers – L.K. Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi, Jaswant Singh and Pramod Mahajan rushed to Vajpayee and persuaded him to abandon his proposal. It was all over by 11:30 a.m. on July 31, 2001.

- Tired Vajpayee issues quit warning. *Times of India.* August 1, 2001: 1.
- Vajpayee offers to quit office. *Tribune.* August 1, 2001: 1.
- Sharma, Rajeev. Advantage Prime Minister. *Tribune.* August 1, 2001: 1.
- Vajpayee opens his heart, says end bickering or elect new leader. *Tribune.* August 2, 2001: 1.
- NDA reposes faith in PM. *Tribune.* August 2, 2001: 1.
- George sent to molify Sena Chief. *Tribune.* August 2, 2001: 1.
- Resignation that never was. *Tribune.* August 2, 2001: 10.

There is an editorial in the *Times of India* on the resignation drama. Besides other things it says... There have been far two many things going wrong with the government, starting with the state of the economy and the long list of financial scams of which US-64 is only the latest. It has also been obvious for some time now that politicians enjoy immunity of the kind not available to ordinary citizens, and this include high-profile businessmen. Governments that quite happily jail a Rajan Pillai or an L.M. Thapar, will themselves be found to be involved in scams without anyone having to take responsibility. And when the pressure grows, one minister or another merely needs to brandish the weapon of resignation to wash off his sins. It is perhaps time those in office thought of the verdict that might await them in the people's court – the highest court of judgment by their own reckoning. [Resigned India. *Times of India*. August 1, 2001: 10]

Describing the resignation offer as a drama and political stunt, Congress Party spokesman Jaipal Reddy said several facts about intervention of the PMO in regard to investment by the UTI had come to surface since yesterday…Everyone knows that Cyber Space Company promoted by Johri brothers, who are attached to the RSS, was inaugurated by Priime Minister himself [PM's offer political stunt. *Tribune*. August 1, 2001: 22]

The *India Today* calls PM Atal Behari Vajpayee a Captive Leader who failed to rein in PMO officials. It further adds: There was no clarity on direction; Vajpayee veered between peacenik and hawk. The write-up on Vajpayee sums up his performance during 2001 as follows:

Cease-fire in Kashmir failed to curtail terrorism. The invitation to President Pervez Musharraf back-fired disastrously and Agra summit turned into a non-event. With Musharraf unrelenting in his Mission Kashmir, Vajpayee's peacenik positioning rebound on him. Agra was a failure of public relations and leadership and was played at BJP National Executive meeting, prompting Vajpayee to offer his resignation on July 31, 2001. Party and Government, however, empahsised his indispensability but he did not address the root of the problem – the lack of direction. India did play its cards during Afghanistan War and was acknowledged a responsible nuclear power, but the Government failed to capitalize on this. POTO became the subject of fierce partisan politics as it was linked to the U.P. elections in 2002. With question marks over integrity and efficiency of the Government, and lack of clarity and sure-footedness of PM Vajpayee, the problems continued. His communication skills were rarely in evidence during 2001, and he could not inspire. It is in this tiredness, *India Today* concludes, that made India's own war against terror that much less effective. [*India Today*. December 31, 2001: 35]

Varadarajalu, M.

Varadarajalu alias M.V. Raja alias MVR, the key accused in the Rs.1300-crore Indian Bank scam who was absconding for the past four years was nabbed on July 4 by the French authorities following a tip off by CBI's Interpol wing. CBI will soon send the necessary extradition papers for the extradition of the accused. [Key accused in bank scam held. *Tribune*. July 7, 2001:8]

M. Varadarajalu is one of the main accused in the Rs.1300 crore Indian Bank scam. CBI has sent a request to France for his extradition to India. He has been arrested by French authorities near Paris. Varadarajalu (60) alias "MVR" – a major defaulter with an exposure of around Rs.460 crores, had been evading arrest for the last four years. [*The Hindustan Times*. September 10, 2001: 9]

Varthan, S.

Case has been registered against S. Varthan, Station Commander of the Air Force Station, Sirsa and three others under the Gambling Act. This case has been registered in connection with an Air Force Mela that began on the campus of the Air Force Station on November 1, where large scale gambling was allegedly going on with the permission and connivance of the Air Force authorities. [Sirsa IAF Commander, 3 others booked. *Hindustan Times*. November 6, 2001: 6]

Vasava, Mansukhbhai

Mansukhbhai Vasava, a tribesman and a Lok Sabha MP from Bharuch constituency in Gujarat has been appointed as the Secretary of JBP. Vasava has been made an office bearer to give representation to a tribesman in the Party's central set up. [*Tribune*, October 30, 2001: 6]

Vasudev, C.M.

Ahead of the budget exercise, the government has brought in Expenditure Secretary, C.M. Vasudev in place of Finance Secretary Ajit Kumar, to head the Economic Affairs Department. C.M. Vasudev is 1966 batch IAS officer of UP cadre.

- *Tribune*. November 5, 2001: 1.
- *Economic Times*. November 5, 2001: 1.

Vatsayan, Suresh Chander (Prof.)

Prof. Suresh Chander Vatsayan – a pioneer of "mantra poetry" has been conferred Varinder Saraswat Award by the Punjab Hindi Sahitya Sabha. Prof. Vatsayan retired as Principal of Govt. College, Talwara, and is credited with authoring 27 books and 72 research papers on various aspects of literature. He is a recipient of three national and six state awards.

Vatsyayan, Kapila (Dr.)

Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan has been selected for the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award for her outstanding contributions in the field of preserving and enriching India's multi-faceted cultural heritage. The Award would be presented to Dr. Vatsyayan on August 20, 2001, the birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi. [Vatsyayan to get Rajiv award. *Tribune*. July 21, 2001: 8]

Vedanti, Joginder Singh (Giani)

Jathedar Akal Takht Joginder Singh Vedanti received invitation from the SGPC Chief Jagdev Singh Talwandi for attending Path Bodh Samagam held by Damdami Taksal (Bhinderan) on June 28, 2001, but he is reluctant to attend. Giani Man Singh, Head Granthi Damdama Sahib, has already resigned in protest against the organization of the Path Bodh Samagam on the plea that the function was in gross violation of the maryada established by Akal Takht and the SGPC about 70 years ago. For this very reason Giani Kewal Singh Jathedar Damdama Sahib objected to the Path Bodh Samagm and did not attend it. Jathedar Vedanti as such is in dilemma over the above verbal invitation. [Walia, Varinder, Vedanti under pressure. *Tribune*. June 25, 2001: 1]

Veerappan

Forest brigand Veerappan, who successfully eluded the police force of the Tamil Nadu and Karnatak Governments and also the border security force and shot into national limelight by abducting celebrities and killing over 100 persons, has again offered to surrender.

An emissary of Veerappan had delivered an audio-cassette, purportedly from the brigand, to Mr. A.S. Mani, editor of the Tamil Nadu magazine 'Netrikkan' on November 7. In the cassette, Veerappan made the offer to surrender and wanted the Special Task Force of the two governments to be withdrawn from the forest as a condition for opening a dialogue with the government on the modalities of surrender.

The brigand wanted the government to express its willingness for a dialogue through media reports and the All India Radio. He would then send his response through another audio cassette.

- Veerappan offers to surrender. *Tribune*. November 18, 2001: 8.
- Veerappan offers conditional surrender. *Times of India*. November 18, 2001: 1.

Venkat Subramanian, T.C.

T.C. Venkat Subramanian, Executive Director of Export-Import Bank of India (Exim), has been appointed as the new MD of Exim Bank for a five-year tenure from May 1, 2001. He would take charge from Mr. Y.B. Desai, who retires on April 30. [Exim Bank MD. *Tribune*. February 17, 2001: 15]

Verghese, B.G.

Veteran journalist and expert in security related matters, Verghese has been appointed Information Consultant to Defence Minister Jaswant Singh. The appointment of an information consultant is unprecedented in the recent times. It is being viewed in the background of the image damage that the Ministry of Defence has faced following Tehelka expose. Verghese is the former editor of *the Hindustan Times* and *Indian Express* and is on the Prasar Bharti board. A highly respected professional, Verghese was a member of the Kargil Committee headed by K. Subrahmanyam and was also on the National Security Council. [Verghese consultant to Defence Minister. Tribune. March 23, 2001: 10]

Verma, Bahadur Singh

Bahadur Singh Verma, a farmer of Kailar village of Saproon valley, in Himachal Pradesh has been conferred with the Aspee-L.M. Patel Farmer of the Year Award-2000 in vegetable farming at a function held in Mumbai. The award carries a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh, a trophy, a shawl and a citation. Verma has introduced cooperative farming, packaging and marketing systems for vegetable and stone fruits in the Saproon valley. He has established himself as a pioneer in the state for utilising the waste land. He succeeded in producing 117 kg. of cauliflower seed in 0.08 hectare of land, besides producing 230 gms. of seed from a single plant.

Verma also developed a new method of hand pollination in kiwi fruit orchards for a better yield and succeeded in growing 1.5 quintal of Kiwi fruit from a single plant in his orchard. He was first awarded for his outstanding contribution in the field of horticulture in 1963 at a show organised by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in New Delhi. His farm has become a model farm for the visiting farmers, dignitaries of different states, and students of various agricultural universities. [Farmer receives National Award-2001. *Indian Express.* April 16, 2001: 3]

Verma, B.P.

CBI registers a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA) against the Chairman of Central Board of Excise and Customs, B.P. Verma, and his son Siddarth Verma. [Graft case against CBEC Chairman. *Tribune.* April 1, 2001: 1]

Ousted Chairman of the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC), B.P. Verma, along with his son Siddarth and broker Bhavna Pandey was arrested on April 1, 2001 by the CBI. Metropolitan Magistrate Paramjit Singh on April 2, 2001, remanded them into CBI custody till April 7, 2001. B.P. Verma has been admitted to Safdarjung Hospital with breathing problems.

- Editorial, looters, not law-enforcers. *Tribune.* April 2, 2001: 10
- Ousted CBEC head, son held, remanded. *Tribune.* April 3, 2001: 1
- Middleman held in Verma case. *Tribune.* April 4, 2001: 1
- Bhavna tells CBI Verma's rate for a posting was Rs.2 to 7 lakh. *Indian Express.* April 15, 2001: 1]
- Suspended Custom's Chief's friend sings to the CBI. *Indian Express.* April 15, 2001: 5]

Verma, Neelam

Neelam Verma, the 23-year old business professional, was crowned as Miss India-Canada 2001 by Bollywood actress and former Miss India, Zeenat Aman at the International Plaza Hotel in Toronto (Canada). Miss Verma, who has a business degree from Toronto's York University, is a strategic marketer with an investment company. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Rev.* October 2001: 170]

Verma, Sahib Singh

Sahib Singh Verma, Vice-President of BJP and former Chief Minister of Delhi addressed a meeting on terrorism and POTO in Shimla on November 17, 2001 and slammed the Congress for adopting double standards on the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance (POTO). Congress was supporting the laws, he added, which were more stringent than POTO in Congress-ruled states like Maharashtra and Karnataka, but opposing POTO to divide the people and weaken the fight against terrorism. [Sahib Singh flays Cong stand on POTO. *Tribune*. November 18, 2001: 4]

Vhatkar, Ashok (Dr.)

Noted Sanskrit scholar and Sahitya Akademy Award winner Dr. Ashok Vhatkar, died following heart failure at Aurangabad. He was 53. Dr. Vhatkar was son of former MLA, Namdev Vhatkar. He got his doctorate in Sanskrit from Shivaji University and was the first backward class student to receive a Ph.D. in Sanskrit in the State of Maharashtra. He wrote 40 books and received the prestigious Akademy award for his novel *Melele Pani* (Dead water) in 1984. [Sanskrit scholar dead. *Tribune*. March 21, 2001: 8]

Vikas Singh

Vikas Singh, a peace campaigner of Lucknow, was in Pakistan jail. He landed there after traveling through 62 countries over 14 years to spread the message of peace. Vikas Singh did try to get a visa, but Pakistan Embassy in Kabul refused. He, however, crossed to Pakistan and was picked up at Tirah and was sent to jail. His parents' representations to the PM India, President Pakistan, India's High Commission to Pakistan and Pakistan's High Commission to India have borne no fruit. [Peace campaigner in Pak jail. *Tribune*. June 28, 2001: 10]

Ministry of External Affairs efforts to get Vikas visa earlier and to seek his release or consular access from February 2, 2001 have not been successful. [Pak denies consular access to India. *Tribune*. June 28, 2001: 20]

Vilku, Kanwal (Dr.)

Dr. Kanwal Vilku is the first Indian woman to visit Antarctica as a part of 23-member of the 22nd Indian expedition. After spending 16 months at Maitri Station, a wooden habitat on an iron plate, 53 years old Dr. Vilku returned to her post CGHS dispensary in Ashok Vihar, Delhi on March 22, 2001. Hailing from Panchkula near Chandigarh, though posted in Delhi, she was given the task of providing medical cover to the Indian team based at Maitri. [First Indian woman to have glacial chill. *Tribune*. April 3, 2001: 18]

Virdi, Inderjit Singh (Dr.)

Dr. I.S. Virdi, a renowned cardiologist has been felicitated in New Delhi by the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee on the occasion of Guru Gobind Singh's birth anniversary, for his contribution to society. Dr. Virdi, a senior consultant and thoracic surgeon at Apollo Hospital in Delhi, is the first Indian who can practice in three continents. [Thoracic Surgeon Virdi honoured. *Tribune*. January 5, 2001: 8]

Heart Surgeon Dr. Inderjit Singh Virdi has become the first Indian to be admitted to the Royal Australian College of Surgeons. Dr. Virdi, MS, MCH from PGI Chandigarh and Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS) Edinburgh came to Australia in 1986. Though he worked at St. Vincent's Hospital in Sydney between 1989 and 1992, his admission to RAC was twice rejected.

Vishnu Bhagwan

Mr. Vishnu Bhagwan a former Chief Secretary of Haryana was appointed on January 1, 2001, the Chairman of Bureau of Public Enterprises for a period of one year, by the Haryana Government. He will also function as the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Public Enterprises. [*Tribune*. January 2, 2001: 3]

Vittal, N.

Chief Vigilance Commissioner (CVC), N. Vittal was honoured with the Paramacharya Award at Kancheepuram on April 14, 2001. Justice Jagadeesan of Madras High Court presented the Award to Mr. N. Vittal at a function organized by the Centenary Trust, Chennai. [N. Vittal gets award. *Tribune*. April 16, 2001: 8]

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Wadalia, M.S. (Lt. Gen.)

The first Vice-Chief of Army Staff and the last Chief of General Staff, Lt. Gen. M.S. Wadalia, (retd.), 93, died on May 21. He was cremated on May 22 with full military honours.

Born on November 30, 1908, Lt. Gen. Wadalia (retd.) got his education at Royal Indian Military College, Dehra Doon. He was commissioned into 16 Cavalry from Indian Military College, St. Hurst, in 1928. He was a services squash player, a horseman and a polo player. He retired as Chief of General Staff (equivalent to Vice-Chief of Army Staff today) at Army headquarters. He commanded 1 Armoured Division in Jhansi and 15 Corps headquarters at Udhampur.

Lt. Gen. Wadalia (retd.) was also the Colonel of 16 Cavalry and the Deccan Horse. He is survived by his wife and daughter. [First Vice-Chief of Army Staff cremated. *Tribune*. May 22, 2001: 8]

Warrier, P.K. (Dr.)

Chief Physician and Managing Trustee of the Kottakkal Arya Vaidyasala (Kerala), Warrier, has been conferred the Paulos mar Gregorios Award 2001 by President K.R. Narayanan on November 27, 2001. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. January, 2002: 158]

Waryam Singh, Sant

Founder-President of Vishav Gurmat Ruhani Mission, Sant Waryam Singh, died at about 12:45 p.m. on October 31, 2001 at the PGI, Chandigarh. He is survived by his wife Ranjit Kaur, two sons and two daughters. On the concluding day of the four-day annual samagam on October 2, the Sant had premonition that it was his last samagam. [*Tribune*. November 1, 2001: 18]

Wattal, Jawahar

From jingle composer to star-maker, Jawahar Wattal has come a long way in a decade or so. He is known for his racy, peppy and foot-tapping music. He is Kashmiri pandit, who has done his graduation in Zoology and is an MBA. Having made it big in the Indi-pop arena, he now plans to venture into film industry. [From jingle composer to star-maker. *Tribune.* May 4, 2001: 15]

Y

Yadav, Akhilesh Singh

Akhilesh Singh Yadav, son of Samajwadi Party Chief Mulayam Singh Yadav, denied that he was being groomed to succeed his father. The prerogative of selecting the CM rested with the party MLAs, so it was wrong to presume that I was being groomed for the post of my father. [Mulyam's son speaks of mind. *Times of India*. August 8,2001:8]

Yadav, Ashok Kumar

Ashok Kumar Yadav, a national level wrestler has been arrested at Muzaffarnagar under the Arms Act for illegally keeping cartridges of 9-mm pistol. Yadav was wanted in 12 dacoity and murder cases in Mathura, Ghaziabad and New Delhi. He has been detained under the National Security Act and the Gangster Act. [Wrestler arrested under Arms Act. *Tribune*. January 2, 2001: 6]

Yadav, Laloo Prasad

Laloo Prasad Yadav, RJD President was re-elected RJD President unopposed for the third consecutive term on October 14, 2001 at Patna. This was declared by Jagdanand Singh, the returning officer. [Laloo re-elected RJD president. *Tribune*. October 15, 2001]

Supreme Court directs on November 5, 2001 Laloo Prasad Yadav, the Rashtriya Janata Dal leader to surrender before a special court at Ranchi in Jharkhand in connection with the fodder scam cases and refused to give him blanket bail.

- SC to Laloo: Surrender before Ranchi Court. *Hindustan Times*. November 6, 2001: 11.

- Laloo puts up brave front, says he is confident of getting bail. *Hindustan Times*. November 6, 2001: 11.

Former Bihar Chief Minister, the President of Rashtriya Janta Dal (RJD) Laloo Prasad Yadav was remanded in 14-day judicial custody in Regular Case 68(a) of the multi-crore rupee fodder scam by a designated CBI court at Ranchi on December 20, 2001. Yadav's bail petition was rejected. RC 68(a) deals with fraudulent withdrawals to the tune of over Rs.130 crore. [Laloo sent to jail again. *Tribune*. December 31, 2001: 8]

Yadav, Mulayam Singh

Pakistan High Commissioner Ashraf Jehangir Qazi met Malayam Singh Yadav, Chief of Samajwadi Party in Delhi on June 25, 2001 in connection with the forthcoming visit of Pakistan President to India. [Pakistan envoy meets Mulayam. *Tribune*. June 26, 2001: 8]

Yadav, Santosh

December 13, 2001 turned out to be red letter day for Santosh Yadav, 21-year old CRPF constable positioned near Gate No. 8 of the Parliament; Yadav killed three of the five militants running around Parliament with his self-loading-rifle from behind a tree. The terrorists fired a few rounds at him with their assault weapons but missed. Considering that one militant – a human bomb – blew himself up and the fifth was shot by the Special Duty group near Gate No. 5, the credit for the successful counter-attack must largely go to Yadav. [Top Gun. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 77]

Yunus, Mohammad

Mohammed Yunus, 85, died on June 17, 2001. Under *Hybrid Role*, the *India Today* writes about Yunus: In five decades, Mohammed Yunus spun for himself a career that spanned hybrid roles – diplomat, Member of Parliament, freedom fighter and author. Nephew of Frontier Gandhi, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, he was close to the Nehru family and was appointed special envoy for Indira Gandhi after retiring form the Foreign Service. He acquired notoriety and earned ridicule during the Emergency with his overbearing attitude to the foreign media. [The year's passages. *India Today*. December 31, 2001: 174]

Mohammad Yunus, a nephew of Frontier Gandhi Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan died at 7:15 a.m. on June 17, 2001 at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi after protracted illness. He was 85.

He was born on June 26, 1905 at Abbottabad, now in Pakistan. Early in life he joined Khudai Khidmatgar Party of Frontier Gandhi. Later he became its Secretary and held this position till partition of India. He participated in the Quit India Movement and was imprisoned. His book *Prisoner's letter* is an account of his experiences in jail. He went to the Aligarh Muslim University for higher education.

He preferred to remain in India after partition and played an important role in countering the Pakistan propaganda on Kashmir. He has been India's envoy in Indonesia, Iraq, Turkey, and Algeria and projected India's image as a secular state. He was a votary of the Non-Alignment Movement (NAM) and was associated with three NAM summits at Lusaka, Algiers, and Colombo. He has been a nominated member of the Rajya Sabha during the eighties. [*Tribune*. June 18, 2001: 1]

Yuvraj Singh

In triangular one-day series, India fought back from a merry situation to carve out a 46 run victory against Sri Lanka on August 1, 2001 at Colombo. Yuvraj Singh can draw satisfaction from the fact that his effort was largely responsible for India's win. He was adjudged Man of the Match for his heroic 110-ball knock that included six fours and a six. [Yuvraj scripts Indian win. *Tribune*. August 2, 2001: 16]

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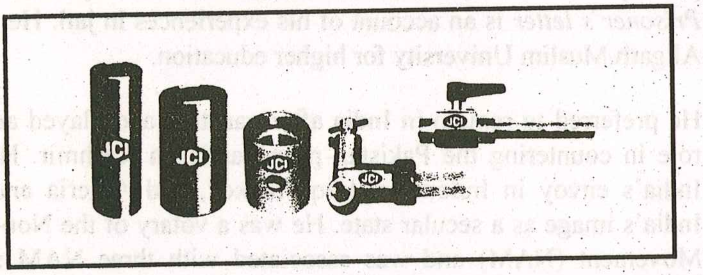

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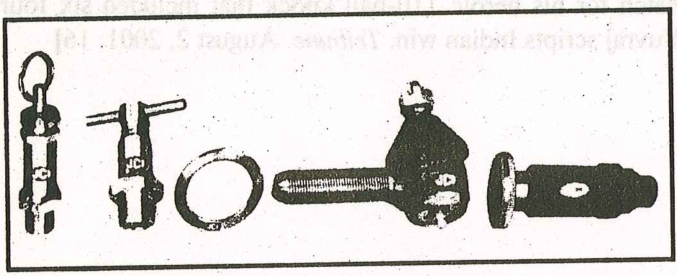

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Zaffarwal, Wassan Singh

Wassan Singh Zaffarwal, once a dreaded terrorist, and the Chief of the outlawed Khalistan Commando Force (KCF) was arrested by the Punjab Police at Amritsar on April 11, 2001. In the beginning of this month he was sighted at a reception hosted by Amritsar Akali leader Gurpartap Singh Riar. Zaffarwal's arrest is said to be stage-managed. His surrender is said to be worked out by Punjab Minister Sucha Singh Langha, who is Zaffarwal's relation. Punjab Chief Minister Prakash Singh Badal earlier had said that he would not have any talk with terrorists, changed his stance later, welcoming any move by terrorists to surrender and join the mainstream. Akali Dal (A) President Simran Singh Mann and Khalistan idealogue Kanwarpal Singh Dhammi however opposed Zaffarwal's surrender. It should also be noted that during recently held Majitha by-poll, Zaffarwal had issued a written appeal to the voters not to support Congress candidate and instead support the candidate belonging to SAD (Badal) party.

Before joining the terrorist movement, Zaffarwal was an employee of the Dhariwal Woollen Mills. He was initially a part of the Panthic Committee, headed by Dr. Sohan Singh. He fled the country after Operation Blue Star, floated his own Panthic Committee, and headed KCF. He has been a close associate of Sant Jarnail Singh Bhinderanwale. After leaving India he spent about nine years in Pakistan. After some serious differences with other terrorist leaders and authorities in Pakistan he went to Switzerland and settled there with the help of one of his associates Pritpal Singh Khalsa. News that he is in India were rife recently, though denied by the Punjab Govt. agencies [*The Hindustan Times*, April 12, 2001: 1]

The *Tribune* writes an editorial under the heading: "Kharkoo" in the net [*Tribune*. April 13, 2001: 10]

It says: "Wassan Singh symbolized the uneven promising militant stream of the movement which sucked in hundreds of innocent youngsters, including girls, fielding them to kill and terrorise but also sending them to their graves." The editorial says that after the Punjab Assembly elections of 1992, Pakistan lost interest is men like Zaffarwal. "That country was not interested in the rights and welfare of the Punjabis but in settling score for the loss of East Pakistan, now Bangladesh. When that possibility disappeared, Zaffarwal and Co. became dispensable. From that moment on they lived as prisoners..." It was ludicrous but inevitable given the harsh ground reality. Zaffarwal first came to grips will truth when he migrated to Europe and has done so again and has returned. The rumours of his willingness to surrender stem from and fit in with these known facts." [Zaffarwal swears by democracy. *Tribune* June 10, 2001: 3]

Zakaria, Arshad

Arshad Zakaria, 39, has been appointed co-president of the Corporate and Institutional Client Group of Merrill Lynch, a leading Global Investment Banking Firm. He succeeded Tom Davis. He is one of the youngest Indians working on Wall Street to be elevated to this position. [Persons in news. *Competition Success Review*. November 2001: 170]

Zaveri, Gopaldas Tribhuvandas

G.T. Zaveri, a doyen of India's jewellery business, died after a brief illness in Mumbai. He was 73. Zaveri joined family gold and diamond business at the age of 16 in 1945. He played the role of modernizing the jewellery business in India. He was also requested as an advisor by others in trade. [*India Today*. July 16, 2001: 16]

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01 **Brah, Avtar.** Conferred Member of British Empire.

Kulkarni, Pramod (Prof.) Passed Away.

Lourie, Manikam Susheela. Honoured with MBE.

Mirza, Diya. Crowned as Miss Asia-Pacific in Manila.

Mistry, Dhruv. Bestowed CBE by Queen Elizabeth II.

Pathak, Premlata. Honoured with MBE for her services in healthcare.

Ruia, Anil Kumar. Honoured with Member of British Empire.

Siddiqui, Islam 'ISI' A. Appointed under secretary of USDA.

Soor, Balwant Kaur. Honoured with Member of British Empire.

Soren, Shibu. Delhi HC refused to interfere with the investigation of CBI.

Srivastava, Nand Krishna. Honoured with Member of British Empire.

Vajpayee, A.B. Voted as the Man of the Year.

Vishnu Bhagwan. Appointed Chairman of Bureau of Public Enterprises.

02 **Bains, S.S.** Appointed Director of Agriculture of Punjab.

Paswan, Ram Vilas. Released commemorative postal stamps.

Yadav, Ashok Kumar. Arrested at Muzaffarnagar.

03 **Bedi, Harinder Singh.** Gets Surgeon of the Millennium Award.

Nayar, Susheela. Died at Sewagram in Wardha.

04 **Mehta Ashok.** Becomes Sheriff of Mumbai.

05 **Laxman, Bangaru.** Revealed accepting bribe. Resigned as BJP President.

Mishra, Brijesh. Attacked by J.K. Jain: *Brajesh Mishra ka Pardah Fash.*

Patkar, Mehda. Contempt petition filed against her.

Virdi, Inderjit Singh. Felicitated by Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee.

06 **Bawa, R.S.** Elected President of the Indian Economic Association.

Hazarika, Bhupen. Awarded.

Kumar, H.P. Died.

Mishra, Brajesh. Faced allegations from Dr. J.K. Jain.

07 **Minj, S.** Appointed Vice-Chancellar of RS University, Raipur.

Vajpayee, A.B. Leaves for a visit to Vietnam and Indonesia.

08 **Gurm, H.S. (Dr.)** Faces inquiry into various charges against him.

Roychowdhury, Biswaroop. Has computer memory.

Shah, Bharat. Arrested by Police for aiding Chhota Shakeel's activities.

09 **Laskar, Halim Ali.** Saved hundred of lives.

11 **Joginder Singh.** His book *Be the Best* released.

Laxmanan, G. Passed away.

13 **Inderjit (Dr.)** Won Outstanding Young Weed Scientist Award.

15 **Haveri, Jayabai Sidlinga.** Passed away.

16 **Nohria, K.K.** Elected as Alternate President of ASSOCHAM.

Prasada, Jitendra. Passed away in New Delhi.

18 **Damle, Prashant.** Sets record by performing in five continuous shows.

20 **Majitha, Prakash Singh.** Died in Chandigarh.

Roshan, Hrithik. Gets Best Actor Award.

21 **Sen, D.** Died in New Delhi.

22 **Bindra, Abhinav.** Sets a new world record in shooting and bags gold medal.

Khayal Rampuri. Died

Saggi Neera. W.B. Congress Legislature Party agitated over her letter.

25 **Mangeshkar, Lata.** Awarded Bharat Ratna.

Scindia, Vijayaraje. Passed away in New Delhi.

26 **Bedi, Harinder Singh (Dr.)** Invited as a Visiting Professor at Ohio State University, Cleveland, USA.

27 **Gurdial Singh.** Awarded Jnanpith Award.

Jetley, Celina. Crowned as Famina Miss India.

28 **Patnaik, Pathani.** Awarded the Sahitya Bharati Samman of Orissa State.

30 **Arora, N.K.** Takes over as the Chief Secretary of Punjab.

Azharuddin, Mohd. Challenges life ban imposed by BCCI in a court.

Bhumitra, Arun. Nominated Trustee of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation.

Ganguli, Saurav. Honoured with crown by W.B. CAB.

Sukh Ram. Exonerated from corruption charges in the Rs. 1.6 crores telecom equipment deal.

31 **Sharma, Jai Gopal.** Appointed Visiting Scientist by the Third World Academy of Science of Italy for three years.

February

02 **Dutt, Sanjay.** Permitted to visit London in connection with film shooting.

Kurdikar, Mogubai. Passed away.

Roshan, Hrithik. Donated Rs.10 lakh for Gujarat quake affected.

Singh, J.W. Bail plea rejected.

08 **Deshpande, Nirmala.** Surprised over and denied bomb theory of Babri Masjid demolition attributed to her.

Mitra, Suchitra. Took over as Sheriff of Kolkata.

Raghvan, R.K. His appointment as Director CBI quashed.

Subramaniam, A.V. Madras HC set asides his order of disqualifying three TMC MLAs.

09 **Ahmed, Sayed Sageer (Justice).** Appointed Chairman of Rajasthan State Human Rights Commission.

Kalwankar, Chandrasen. Passed away.

Menon, Vivek. Won Rufford Award.

Sasthampadickal, Joy. Awarded N.V. Pyli Prize for Journalism.

10 **Amritraj, Vijay.** Made 'Messenger of Peace' for the UN.

Chaudhary, Satveer. Becomes Chairman of State Transportation Committee of the Minnesota State, USA.

Sen, Jamuna. Died in Kolkata.

11 **Doman, Herb.** Success story of the Richest Sikh of Vancouver, Canada.

12 **Kurdikar, Mogubai.** Died in Mumbai.

Sushil Kumar (Admiral). Took over Chief of Defence Staff Committee

14 **Karmakar, Gita.** Passed Away.

15 **Koijam, Radhabinod.** Becomes CM of Manipur.

16 **Bhagwat Vishnu (Admiral).** Authored "Betrayal of the Defence Forces".

Mody, Raghu. Elected as President of ASSOCHAM.

Pannu, Balbir Singh. Killed in road accident near Bareilly.

Rekhi, Kanwal. Warned that Indians are empowering politicians and bureaucrats, and not entrepreneurs.

Stalin, M.K. Probe against him ordered for alleged amassing wealth.

17 **Ahmad, Ateeq.** Arrested in a murder case.

Bajpai, Ashok. Passed away in New Delhi.

Jayalalitha, J. Supreme Court's nod for Jaya's trial.

Kapoor, Karishma. Gets Film Fare Best Actress Award.

Khosla, Vinod. Tops the Midas list of investors.

Malleswari, Karnam. Named South Asian of the Year.

Maran. Arrested by STF, being an accomplice of Veerappan.

Pillai, Rajan. CBI began probe into Pillai's death.

Roshan, Hrithik. Won the Best Actor Award and Best Newcomer Award.

Soren, Shibu. SC upholds order of Delhi High Court. No quashing of FIR lodged by CBI against him.

Venkat Subramanian, T.C. Appointed MD of Exim Bank.

20 **Gupta, Inderjit.** Passed away in Kolkata.

28 **John, T.** Removed from the Ministership of Karnataka.

March

11 **Gopichand, Pullela.** All England Open Badminton Championship won.

Harbhajan Singh. Hat Trick at Kolkata Test match against Australia.

13 **Iyer, Chokila (Ms.).** Took charge as India's Foreign Secretary.

14 **Laxman, V.V.S.** Scripted a new chapter in India's cricket history by making an unbeaten 275 runs against Australia.

18 **Gupta, Abhinn Shyam.** Bags $10,000 French Open Championship title.

19 **Bhagwati, P.N. (Justice).** Appointed Chairman of the UNHRC.
Pande, Atmaram. Passed away at Buldhana.

20 **George, Vincent.** CBI registered case against him for amassing wealth.
Tejpal, Tarun. Deposed before Army Court in spy cam case.

21 **Bhagwandas, P.K.** Nominated for Environmental Hall of Fame 1000.
Gupta, Kalidas. Passed away in New Delhi.
Vhatkar, Ashok. Died at Aurangabad.

22 **Bajaj, Rahul.** Conferred Padma Bhushan Award.
Mukherjee, Hrishikesh. Conferred Padma Bhushan Award.
Rath, Ramakanta. Gets FIE Rashtra Bhushan Award 2000.
Sharma, Shivkumar. Awarded Padma Bhushan.
Tejpal, Tarun. Given prize of Rs. One lakh by J.S. Waraich.
Vilku, Kanwal. Returns from Antarctica Indian expedition.

23 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** Decorated with Padma Bhushan Award.
Dara Singh. Acquitted by a local court.
Gandhi, Maneka. Conferred Aadi Shakti Puruskar 2001.
Gupta, Kalidas. Died in New Delhi.
Verghese, B.G. Appointed consultant to Defence Minister.

26 **Kapoor, Anil.** Awarded 'Best Actor' for *Pukaar*.

30 **Parekh, Ketan.** Arrested by CBI for Rs. 137 crore pay order scam.

31 **Choksi, Arvind.** Lodges complaint against the Classic Cooperative Bank.
Jagdeva, Bharrat. Sworn in as the President of Guyana.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Crossed 10,000-run mark.

April

01 **Aulakh, Kirpal Singh (Dr.)** Appointed Vice-Chancellor of PAU.
Khanna, Arjun Singh. Set to assume charge as Dy. Chief of Army Staff.
Shahabbudin, Mohd. Siwan MP at the centre of criminal controversy.
Verma, B.P. Arrested under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

02 **Verma, B.P.** Remanded into CBI custody till April 7.

04 **Bhattacharjee, Bisweswar.** Appointed new Director of the BARC.

Doug, Roshan. Launches a campaign to be considered as a future Poet Laureate of England.

Madhvendra Singh. Takes over as Vice-Chief of Naval Staff.

Mehta, Zubin. Honoured with the title the Knight of the Legion of Honor in Paris.

05 **Parekh, Ramesh.** Arrested for defrauding the Bank of India.

06 **Devi Lal.** Passed away in New Delhi.

Ravinder Kumar. Passed away in New Delhi.

08 **Krishnamurthy, Jana.** Takes over as BJP President.

09 **Singh, Rajnath.** Declared elected from Haidergarh.

10 **Gaus, Iliyas.** Surrendered.

11 **Zaffarwal, Wassan Singh.** Arrested at Amritsar.

12 **Mehta, Dewang.** Passed Away in Sydney (Australia).

13 **Harish Kumar.** Joins as Director of NCRB.

Laskar, Halim Ali. Awarded a prize of Rs. 10,000.

Zaffarwal, Wassan Singh. His story as a Kharkoo.

14 **Chatterjee, Jagrat.** Innovates a unique calender to find the day of a month 472,000 years from now at a glance.

Gandhi, Maneka. Conferred Women of the Year Award 2001.

Mishra, Deepak. Conferred with the Bishuv Award for contribution to Oriya literature.

Vittal, N. Given Paramacharya Award.

15 **Chidambaram, P.** Expelled from TMC.

Jamuna Devi. Served with legal notice.

16 **Habib Tanvir.** Honoured.

Sushil Kumar. Took over as first Chief of Defence Staff Committee.

17 **Thapar, Romila.** Conferred degree of Honoris Causa of French National Institute of Civilization and Languages.

18 **Chautala, Ajay.** Elected President of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation (C.T.T.F.).

Khattar, Jagdish. Elected.

Malik, M.S. Elected President of Wrestling Federation of India at Pune.

19 **Bhartia, Hari S.** Elected Chairman CII (NR).

21 **Shyamalan, M. Night.** Secured Disney deal. Delivered script for 'Signs'.

22 **Mishra, R.P.** Awarded Bhoogol Ratna of Bhoovigyan Foundation.

Shafi, Mohd. Awarded Bhoogol Ratna of Bhoovigyan Foundation.

23 **Contractor, Behram.** Passed away in Mumbai.

24 **Mehta, Zubin.** Awarded the Knight of the Legion of Honor.

26 **Chaya, Devi.** Passed away in Kolkata.

Nahata, Amrit. Passed away in New Delhi.

27 **Goenka, Sanjiv.** Elected President of Confederation of Indian Industries.

30 **Rao, Ramoji.** Presented 10th Yudhavir Foundation Award for 2001.

May

01 **Gupta, S.C.** Takes over as the Chairman and Managing Director of the Indian Overseas Bank.

Venkat Subramanian, T.C. Takes over Exim Bank Mg. Director.

03 **Singla, Sant Ram.** Criticised Tarlochan Singh on Sikh PM group.

Sinha, Yashwant. Asserted India's growth rate of over 6 per cent.

04 **Bains, Didar Singh.** Declared as WSC President.

Mehta, Chhabildas. Resigns from primary membership of Congress.

Rattan, G.P. Joins Congress again.

Shah, Shabir. Positive response to Centre's negotiator, K.C. Pant.

Wattal, Jawahar. From jingle composer to star-maker, a success story.

07 **Tandon, Raveena.** Her selection as Best Actress became controversial.

Tejpal, Tarun. Creates Tehelka-spy cam controversy.

08 **Mohan Lal (Master).** Served with a show-cause notice by VC, Punjabi University, Patiala in Ph.D. registration case.

09 **Nehru, B.K.** Denied words attributed to him in Katherine Frank's book on Indira Gandhi.

10 **Panja, Ajit Kumar.** His survival strategy was a success.

Sharma, B.P. Found entry in the Limca Book of Records as the oldest living journalist.

11 **Jain, Dipak C.** Named Dean, Kellogg Graduate School of Mgmt.

Singh, Laxmi Narayan. Got son after 10 daughters.

12 **Sarswat, Ishani.** Crowned as ADC May Queen 2001 in Shimla.

Mathew, Mammen. Elected President of Editors' Guild of India.

13 **Ahluwalia, Montek S.** Became first Director of IMF's independent EVO.

Narayan, R.K. Passed away in Chennai.

Roy, Aruna. Donated her Magasaysay Award money, Rs. 23 lakh, to the Janhit Trust.

14 **Bhagwati, P.N.** Elected Chairman, UNHRC.

Nair, Murali. His film *Oru Pattiyadu Divasam* selected for showing at Cannes Film Festival.

Sharma, P.C. Appointed acting Director CBI.

Singh, N.K. Appointed Planning Commission member after shifting from PMO.

15 **Antony, A.K.** Elected leader of CLP of Kerala.

Chandiram, Jai (Ms.). Elected President of the International Association of Women in Radio and Television (IAWRT).

Dangi, Anand Singh. Bail petition rejected.

Gowri, K.R. Gets distinction as grand dame of 11th Kerala Assembly.

Gupta, S.C. Appointed Chairman of the Indian Overseas Bank.

Gursharan Singh. Nominated World Badminton Championship umpire.

Jayalalitha, J. Sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Mahanta, Prafulla K. Resigned as Assam CM after defeat in Election.

Raghunath, K. Appointed Ambassador to Russia.

16 **Jain, Naresh Kumar.** Acts as Emissary of K.C. Pant, the J & K Negotiator.

17 **Gogoi Tarun.** Chosen leader of the Congress Legislature Party of Assam.

Khan, Salman. Summoned by the Enforcement Directorate.

21 **Wadalia, M.S.** Died.

22 **Kishan Gopal.** Created history by research on Punjabi shorthand.

Mathew, Arun Eapen. Arrested by Kerala police for cyber crime.

23 **Mascanenhas Michael.** Suspended as Air India M.D.

Tendulkar, Sachin. Awarded Maharashtra Bhushan Award.

24 **Randhawa, G.S.** Re-elected as the National President of WUS.

26 **Gupta, Jagdish.** Passed away in Allahabad.

Karthikeyan, Narain. Opens a new chapter in India's motor sport history.

Vajpayee, Atal Behari. Invites the Chief Executive of Pakistan to India.

27 **Bindra, Abhinav.** Felicitation by the PM.

Ghai, Subhash. Becomes the largest sum assured policy holder.

Krishna Iyer, V.R. (Justice). Won Dr. C.K. Kareem Foundation Award.

Madhu, Madan Lal. Honoured with the 'Order of Friendship'.

Ravi, Shankar. Gets KCBE.

Adiyodi, K.G. Passed away in New Delhi.

28 **Rama Linga Swami, V.** Died at AIIMS in New Delhi.

29 **Chohan, Jagjit Singh (Dr.).** Union of India directed by HC to issue travel papers to Chouhan.

Mongia, M.S. Sworn in CJ of Guwahati High Court.

Ranganathan, B. Booked by police at Chennai for running bar and gambling clubs.

Ahluwalia, Jasbir Singh. Critisized in an editorial of the *Tribune*.

Dravid, Rahul. Reappraised his performance.

Gopichand Pullela. Helps India blank Austria 5-0.

Mohan Lal. Four HODs oppose VC's move for action against him.

31 **Gulati, Sunil.** High Court pressed for his prosecution.

Khaira, Manpreet. Raised $35 million.

Mitra, Soman. Likely to be WB PCC chief.

Sondhi, M.L. Sought PM's intervention to save ICSSR.

June

05 **Bindra, Abhinav.** Gets Arjuna Award.

06 **Mongia, R.S.** Took over as Chief Justice of Guwahati H.C.

10 **Bains, Vikrant.** Tops MAT-2001 conducted by P.T.U.

Dahiya, Sri Bhagwan (Dr.) Awarded visiting professorship.

Devyani. Faced media glare over Nepal's Royal family tragedy.

Jethmalani, Ram. Denies discussing Bofors.

Saifee, Nadeem Akhtar. Dared police to reveal proof.

Sukhwinder Singh. Retained Chief Coach of Indian Football team.

Tej Pratap. As VC advocated entrepreneurship for HPKVV students.

Zaffarwal, Wassan Singh. Swears by democracy.

11 **Bindra, Abhinav.** Sets a new record in shooting in Munich.

Narayana Murthy, N.R. Ranked 27th in Asia.

Sehgal, Anil. Tehelka panel rejected plea for protection under Article 20(3) of the Constitution.

Sobti, R.C. Elected President of Punjab Academy of Sciences.

13 **Gill, Manohar Singh.** Retired as Chief Election Commissioner.

16 **Kuldip Singh (Justice).** Resigned from WSC as its President.

Paroda, R.S. Appointed Head, Agricultural Development Programme for Central Asia and Cancasus.

17 **Prabhakar, Manoj.** On the run from law enforcing agencies.

Shahin, Sultan. Called RAW agent by guest Pakistani poet in exile.

Yunus, Mohammad. Died in New Delhi.

18 **Hanumantha Rao, Moturu.** Passed Away in Vijayawada.

19 **Chautala, Abhey.** Made Chairman of the Devi Lal Trust.

Rehman, Waheeda. Won a life-time achievement award in the Oscars of Indian movies at Sun City.

21 **Chohan, Jagjit Singh.** Travel documents were handed over to him.

23 **Bismillah Kan, Ustad.** Awarded Bharat Ratna.

Hans, Hans Raj. Criticized by Suraiya Khanam.

24 **Bhatt, Abdul Gani.** Praises PM Vajpayee.

Paswan, Ram Vilas. Addressed a Jag Jagran rally in Ludhiana.

Sukh Ram. Accused BJP for efforts to split his HVC party.

25 **Bansi Lal.** Exhorted CM Chautala to take up SYL issue with centre.

Bhat, Abdul Gani. Praised PM as a leader who can solve Kashmir issue.

Farooq, Omar (Mirwaiz). Allowed to attend a meeting of OIC.

Jaitley, Arun. Pleads for greater role of private sector.

Jayendra Saraswati (Swami). Advocates construction of Ram Temple.

Karamjit Kaur. Sets a new national recoed.

Naik, Ram. His dismissal sought for scandulous distribution of petrol pumps and gas agencies.

Phadke, Sonal. Won and ousted Nandita Chandrasekhar.

Purwar, A.R. Arrested by CBI for accepting bribe.

Shanta Kumar. Declared no shortage of food grains.

Surinder Singh (Brig.) Services terminated. His charges refuted.

Talwandi, Jagdev Singh. Informed that SGPC had declared Bhindranwale as Shaheed in 1995.

Vedanti, Joginder Singh. Caught in Path Bodh Samagam controversy.

Yadav, Mulayam Singh. Pakistan High Commission meets him.

26 **Brar, Jagmeet Singh.** Reposed faith in Capt. Amrinder Singh.

Chohan, Jagjit Singh. Arrived in New Delhi.

Gandhi, Sonia. Addressed special session of UN General Assembly.

Jaswant Singh. Reiterated the Kashmir talks is the only path to peace.

Mishra, Brajesh. Visited USA to boost bilateral ties and discuss coming Indo-Pakistan summit.

27 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** To be worshipped in a temple built exclusively for him by his die hard fans.

Kohli, Amolok Rattan. Appointed Governor of Meghalaya.

Madhan, V.K. (Major). Convicted.

Sodhi, N.K. Appointed Chairman of Punjab Advisory Board.

28 **Chohan, Jagjit Singh.** Bail plea dismissed.

Gandhi, Sonia. Supported upcoming Vajpayee-Musharraf dialogue.

Prasad, T.R. Appointed Secretary, on extension for two years.

Vedanti, Joginder Singh. Under pressure from SGPC Chief to attend Path Bodh Samagam.

Vikas Singh. Lands in Pakistan jail.

30 **Chowdhury, Bula.** Comes third in marathon swimming.

Sanyal, B.C. Elected Hony. Fellow of Russian Academy.

July

01 **Fatima, Beevi.** Resigned as Governor of Tamil Nadu.

Heptullah, Najma (Dr.) Visiting China.

04 **Varadarajulu, M.** Nabbed by the French authorities.

06 **Kumaraswami, M.** Took over Controller General of Defence Accounts.

Mishra, D.C. Appointed RITES Managing Director.

Saini, Ravi. Won Rs. One crore in *Kaun Banega Crorepati* junior contest.

07 **Krishan Kant, Suman.** Elected President of Mahila Dakshata Samiti.

Soch, Harbhajan Singh. Punjab & Haryana HC issued notice of motion for July 11 against him.

Stalin, M.K. Granted bail.

14 **Nazareth, Samir.** Protested against US missile defence system peace fully alongwith others.

16 **Damodaran, Melovithi.** Appointed Chairman of UTI.

Mungeri Lal. Died.

Randhir Singh. Elected member of International Olympic Committee.

Sikdar, Tapan. Joined Mukta Bihange (Free bird) club.

Zaveri, Gopaldas Tribhuvandas. Died in Mumbai.

19 **Bindra Abhinav.** Conferred Pride of Doon Award.

Soren, Shibu. Supreme Court set aside election to the Rajya Sabha.

20 **Aluwalia, Jasbir Singh.** Directed to appear in HC in person.

Chaudhary, Sanjeev. Appointed advisor to Canadian FM.

Deo, Sudhansu Narain Singh. Died.

21 **Ganesan, Sivaji.** Passed away.

Ganguly, Saurav. Faces kidnap threat from Kashmiri Separatists.

Gopichand, Pullela. Crashed out of Malaysian Open.

Jayalalitha, J. SC admited plea against Jaya.

Kothari, L.P. Appointed Chief Election Officer of Rajasthan.

Subramanyam, P.S. CBI raided his house.

Thiyam, Ratan. Returns Padma Shri.

22 **Ajit Singh.** Joins Vajpayee Cabinet as Union Minister of Agriculture.

Gora, Saraswati. Awarded GD Birla International Award.

Kanjilal, Debashis (Dr.) Won $400,000 settlement.

Soch, Harbhajan S. Laid down office of Vice-Chancellor of GNDU.

Stokes, Vidya. Resigned from all-party committee looking into the removal of Indira Gandhi's portrait in Shimla Raj Bhavan.

Subramanyam, P.S. Remanded in police custody.

23 **Chautala, Om Prakash.** Ajit inducted despite Chautala's protest.

Dasgupta, Saiku. Died

Majumdar, Indranil. Awarded Texas Instruments Analog Design Challenge 2001 Award.

Singh, Rajnath. Challenge from within the Party.

Singh, S.P. Took over as Vice-Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University.

24 **Khatod, Anil.** Quits Nortel Networks.

25 **Damani, Madan Gopal.** Passed away.

Phoolan Devi. Killed in New Delhi outside her official residence.

Soch, Harbhajan S. Appointments made at the end of term as VC criticised.

Sondhi, M.L. Dismissed.

Tantray, Abdul Hamid. Killed in an encounter at Pahoo in Pulwama Dist.

26 **Ajit Singh.** Ajit Singh a significant factor in UP polls.

Chandra Shekhar. SC verdicted on his Bhondsi Ashram analysed.

Patankar, Dipali. Hacked to death in Indore.

Singh, S.P. Of VCs and politics. Ajit Editor behind appointment.

27 **Kant, Amitabh.** Set to join as MD of ITDC.

Rana, Sher Singh. Taken into police custody as prime suspect in Phoolan Devi's assassination.

Sharma, Upinder. Awarded life imprisonment.

28 **Amarinder Singh.** His book 'A Ridge too Far' on Kargil released.

Ganguly, Saurav. Faces one match suspension.

Gupta, Harsh. Appointed Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh.

Kumar, J.S. (Vice Marshal). Arrested. Remanded to custody.

Sondhi, M.L. Delhi High Court refused stay on removal.

29 **Agarwal, Manak.** Injured by Congress Gen. Sec. of MP, Prajapat.

Goswami, Indira. Awarded.

Prajapat, Inder. Fired at and wounded Manak Agarwal in Bhopal.

30 **Chowdhury, Bula.** Finishes third in the Sri Chinmoy International Marathon Swimming Competition in Switzerland.

Nirupam, Sanjay. Made attack on the functioning of UTI and on PMO.

Rajendra Singh. Won Ramon Magsaysay Award, 2001.

31 **Dasgupta, Sailen.** Passed away.

Lohani, Ashwani. Takes over as CMD of ITDC.

Malviya, Radha Kishan. Faces accusations.

Shergill, M.S. Retired.

Srivastava, O.P. Took over Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes.

Vajpayee, Atal Behari. Offers to resign as PM.

August

01 **Duggal, S.K.** Takes over Chairman of Bhakra-Beas Management Board.

Gurm, H.S. (Dr.) Faces High Court notice in sexual harassment case.

Tendulkar, Sachin. Signed as Brand ambassador of Fiat India Ltd.

Yuvraj Singh. Man of the match 110-ball knock that includes 6 fours and a six against Sri Lanka.

02 **Arif, S.M.** Bestowed with Dronacharya Award (Badminton).

Didar Singh (Col.). Launches a unique electronic book on the webste.

Ghavri Karsan. Takes over as Coach of the Bengal team.

Gupta, S.K. (Dr.) HPUTA complained about his conduct.

Kalmadi, Suresh. Elected as IAAF Council Member.

Khan, Fardeen. Chargesheeted by NCB.

Krishnaswamy, S. (Air Marshal). Takes over as Vice-Chief of Air Staff.

Milkha Singh, Refused to accept Arjuna Award.

Patkar, Medha. Stood by what she wrote in her affidavit.

Sehwag, Virender. Smashed a century off 68 balls in Colombo against New Zealand.

03 **Bhanghu, Gurdial Singh.** Awarded Dronacharya Award (Hockey) for 2000.

Bhullar, Daljeet Singh. Awarded imprisonment.
Bindra, Abhinav. Selected for Arjuna Award.
Gupta, S.K. Faces confrontation with University's Teachers Association.
Sharma, M.N. Won Baburao Mhatre Gold Medal.

04 **Karnik, Kiran.** Selected Chief of NASSCOM.

05 **Manohar, Shashank.** Elected as President of Vidarbha Cricket Assoc.

06 **Hari Singh.** Sentenced to life imprisonment.

07 **Chohan, Jagjit Singh.** Arrest warrants inssued against him.
Khan, Amir Alam. Quits Rashtriya Lok Dal.
Liberhan, Manmohan Singh (Justice). Faces allegations.
Meenaghe, Vijay Saraf. His painting is purchased by J & K CM Farooq Abdullah to be presented to PM.
Paul, Swaraj. Said Britain was India's natural IT partner.
Shaily, Shailendra. CPM leader committed suicide.
Sreedharan, E. Informed about quick access metros.

08 **Dalal, Hiten.** Conviction upheld by SC.
Pendse, Dilip. Tatas filed FIR against him.
Tulsi, Tathagat Avtar. No child prodigy as per DST.
Yadav, Akhilesh Singh. denied being groomed as successor to his father, Mulayam Singh.

09 **Gill, R.S.** Passed away.

10 **Agarwal, Naresh.** Expelled from U.P. cabinet by the Chief Minister.

12 **Hazare, Anna.** Breaks his maunvrat.

13 **Govil, I.M. (Prof.)** Sanctioned Rs. 51 lakh research grant by D.S.T.
Malik, Yasin. Arrested and sent to jail.
Murthy, Sudha. Given Corporate Citizen of the Year
Roy, Nirupa. Faces dowry case.

14 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Included in the dream team of Sir Donald Bradman.
Tyagi, R.D. Arrested on August 14 in connected with communal riots.

15 **Dang, Satyapal.** Quits District legal Authority of Amritsar.

Harikrishna, Pentyala. Becomes the youngst Indian Grand Master.

Sarwar, Shamim. Apprehended as a part of conspiracy to blow US Embassy in New Delhi.

17 **Parekh, Ketan.** Remanded to CBI custody till Aug. 24.

Roy, Arundhati. Stood by what she wrote in affidavit.

Roy, Nirupa. Seeks anticipatory bail. Arrest stayed.

Sangeen, Bilal. Was killed during a search operation by BSF.

Shah, Bharat. Bail rejected by Bombay HC.

18 **Jagtar Singh.** Transferred on HC directive.

Malik, Yasin. Granted bail.

Sathiala, Manmohan Singh. Resentment among police for cancellation of FIR against him.

19 **Agnihotri, B.K.** Appointed India's Ambassador at large in the USA.

Bikramjit Singh. BJP presses Punjab CM for his prosecution by CBI.

20 **Rajagopalan, R.** Took over D-G of National Security Guard.

Rawel Singh. Died in Chandigarh.

Tulsi, Tathagat Avtar. DST does not regret sending him to Germany.

Vatsyayan Kapla. Presented Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award.

21 **Dara Singh.** Goes on indefinite fast.

Chahal, Rattan Singh. Accused in vehicle registration fraud.

Mahanta, Prafulla Kumar. Involved in second marriage controversy.

Puri, M.M. Complained of witch-hunting to Chancellor.

27 **Kunjarani Devi.** Banned from all international events for 6 months.

Moopanar, G.K. Died.

September

05 **Anuradha Devi, N.R.** Producer of highest number of films.

07 **Roy, B.C.** Died in Kolkata.

Bhanumati Devi. Gets Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Award for 2001.

08 **Dahya, S.S.** Lays down Life in J & K.

Nair, Mira. Won Golden Lion Award for *Monsoon Wedding*.

09 **Balayogi, G.M.C.** Participates in the Inter-Parliamentary Union organised conference at Ouagadougou, Bukina Faso,

Quadir, Ghulam. Discovered a cave temple near Chandanwari.

Soni, Dayalchandra. Chosen for Tagore Literary Award.

10 **Dasmunshi, Priyaranjan.** CBI registers case against him for presentng fake letter.

Pataudi, Mansur Ali Khan. Named for C.K. Nayudi Award 2001.

21 **Jayalalitha, J.** Jaya quits the post of CM.

29 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** Elected President of BCCI.

30 **Scindia, Madhavrao.** Killed in an air crash.

October

12 **Singhal, K.C.** Vigilence case against him for financial irregularities.

13 **Nehru, B.K.** Died at Kasauli (H.P.).

Sharma, J.P. Died of heart attack.

Turner, Sukhi Gill. Elected as Mayor of Dunedin, New Zealand.

14 **Yadav, Laloo Prasad.** Re-elected unopposed as RJD President at Patna.

15 **Bhupati, Mahesh.** Won critical tennis match.

16 **Bhatnagar, Manish (Major).** Awarded dismissal from service.

17 **Rakesh Nath.** Took over as Chairman of BBMB.

18 **Sharma, S.D.** Took over as VC of H.P. University, Shimla.

19 **Bhonsle, Asha.** Selected for the Dada Saheb Phalke award for 2000.

Gill, Parminder Singh. Appointed General Secy. of the legal cell of the PPCC.

23 **Bhalla, K.S.** Heads the judicial commission to probe sacrilege related to Baba Piara Singh Bhaniara.

Jogi, Ajit. Claim that he belonged to ST was dismissed.

24 **Chadha Win.** Passed away.

26 **Dwivedi, Devendra.** Rejoined Congress.

Mishra, Brajesh. Visiting Bangladesh on confidence-building mission.

Rajashekaran Thampi, R. Died at Mavelikkara.

27 **Abu Salem.** Escaped arrest in UAE as India couldn't prove his identity.

Bhonsle, Asha. Received the Dayawati Modi Award.

Gujral, Gurdip Singh. Awarded Asian of the Year 2001 Award.

Pradeep Kumar. Passed away in Kolkata.

Rangaswamy, N. Sworn in as the 15th CM of Pondicherry.

Thackeray, Uddhav. Sons scores over nephew in Sena succession war.

28 **Bains, C.L.** To take over as Punjab Election Commissioner.

Bukhari, Ahmed (Syed). Abusive remarks against Shabana Azmi created furore and controversy.

29 **Deve Gowda, H.D.** Undertakes 5-day padyatra.

Kanshi Ram. Flayed over his derogatory remarks against 'Sainis'.

Madhvendra Singh. Named as new Chief of Naval Staff.

Singh, Rajnath. Invited by Indian Muslim Federation, U.K.

Swami, Nityanand. Replaced by Bhagat Singh Koshiyari as CM of Uttaranchal.

30 **Joshi, Sanjay.** Appointed as the General Secretary of BJP.

Koshiyani, Bhagat Singh. Sworn in as CM of Uttaranchal.

Krishnaswamy, S. (Air Marshal). Set to take over as Chief of Air Staff.

Mallah, Ram Babu. Surrendered.

Nambiar, Sukumar. Appointed Treasurer of BJP.

Pradhan, Devendra. Appointed Vice-President of BJP.

Puar, J.S. Charges framed under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Vasava, Mansukhbhai. Appointed Secretary of BJP.

31 **Kher, Anupam.** Appointed Chairman of NSD.

Verma, Neelam. Crowned as Miss India-Canada 2001.

Waryam Singh, Sant. Died at Chandigarh.

November

01 **Bharucha, S.P. (Justice).** Sworn in as the Chief Justice of India.

Boppanna, B.K. (Lt. Gen.) Takes over as D-G of NCC.

Lambah, S.K. Appointed special envoy to Afghanistan.

Varthan, S. Case registered against him for allowing gambling.

02 **Kanshi Ram.** Deplored by Sainis.

03 **Abdul Rashid, Mirza.** Views on J & K Muslims.

Dutt, Sanjay. Implicated by CBI.

Lone, Abdul Gani. Escapes assassination bid.

04 **Harika, Dronavalli.** Wins medal.

05 **Ajit Kumar.** Takes over as Planning Commission Secretary.

Gujar, Jairamdas. Arrested on murder charge.

Rao, C.S. Appointed Secretary Dept. of Expenditure.

Vasudev, C.M. Appointed to head the Economic Affairs Dept.

Yadav, Laloo Prasad. Supreme Court directed him to surrender at Ranchi.

06 **Amrinder Singh.** Meets Sonia Gandhi to discipline Jagmeet Brar.

Bahuguna, Kamala. Passed away.

Kakodkar, Shashikala. Elected President of MGP.

Shah, Shabir. Under house arrest at Srinagar.

07 **Amar Singh.** Discontentment in Party over his clout.

Sachar, Rajinder. Said BJP spreading lies to seek support on POTO.

09 **Mehta, Harshad.** Arrested for selling 27 lakh shares fraudulently.

10 **Bindra, Inderjit Singh.** Assumed office after entertainment duty on cricket tickets was withdrawn by Punjab Government.

Bitta, M.S. Blasts Congress leaders over their opposition to POTO.

Misra, Someshwar. Arrested by CBI for accepting a bribe of Rs. 10 lakh.

Sondhi, M.L. HRD minister asked to apologise for defamation.

11 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr.)** Demits office.

Chidambaram, R. (Dr.) Replaces Dr. Abdul Kalam as the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Govt.

Sharma, Hari Dutt. Exorted GOI to propagate Sanskrit worldwide.

12 **Brar, Jagmeet Singh.** Has no objection if Amrinder is made CM of Punjab.

Jauhari, B.P. Passed away.

Nazareth, Samir. Arrived New Delhi from Los Angeles after bail.

Samresh Singh. Resigned from Marandi cabinet.

Theogaraj, T.K. Died

13 **Bandyopadhyay, Karuna.** Passed away.

14 **Fernandes, George.** Promised a Defence University in Punjab.

Goel, Lalit. Awarded Best Drugs Inspectors' Award.

Jindal, S.K. (Dr.) Honoured with international awards.

Mawlong, E.K. Deserted by Cabinet Ministerial colleagues.

16 **Balaram, S.** Won the Helen Keller Award 2001.

Bhagvandas, Pradeep K. Nominated by US based Global Environmental Foundation to its Environmental Hall of fame 1000.

Gill, Surinder Singh. Appointed Ambassador to Mexico.

Kannaiyan, S. (Dr.) Awarded Dr. GB Manjrekar Memorial Award.

Mukherjee, M.S. Died at Puttaparthi.

17 **Gill, Manohar Singh.** Elected honorary Fellow of Queen's College of Cambridge.

Hans, Hans Raj. Honoured.

Verma, Sahib Singh. Slammed Congress on POTO at Shimla.

18 **Badal, Parkash Singh.** Suffers a fracture.

Martin, Gerry. First Indian to become a National Geographic Adventurer.

Veerappan. Offers to surrender on conditions.

19 **Akhtar, Javed.** Receives 'Maulana Azad Award'.

Arora, N.K. Accepts honours from an alleged infamous land-grabber.

Azmi, Shabana. Receives National Integration Award.

Chandok, Karun. Becomes the first Indian to grab third spot at the Macou Grand Prix.

Channi, Charanjit Singh. Honours the Chief Secy. of Punjab N.K. Arora.

Jagjit Singh. Tries new tunes.

Kanwal, Rasheal. Scales great heights.

Mahesh Inder Singh. Set to take on Badal in Punjab election.

Milkha Singh. Had narrow escape while lighting the flame of 31st National Games in Ludhiana.

Paul, Swaraj. Conferred doctrate by Moscow University.

Sharma, Radheshyam. Honoured by Haryana Sahitya Akademi.

20 **Amir Alam.** Joins Samajwadi Party.

Arora, N.K. Denies playing god-father to the alleged land-grabber.

Chohan, Jagjit Singh. Advocates right of self-determination for all states.

Dwivedi, Kavita. Awarded.

Kapil Dev. Exonerated. Ends self-imposed exile.

Mahalik, Geeta. Awarded.

Modi, Narendra. Displayed Diwali gifts to auction them.

Natarajan, R. Joined as Chairman AICTE.

Ramesh Chandra. Bail plea rejected in rape case.

Ravi Inder Singh. Wants voting machines gone.

Savita Devi. Awarded Sangeet Sudhakar bal Krishnada Memorial Award.

Talwandi, Jagdev Singh. Badal's fall came to rescue as action against him for criticising Jathedar of Akal Takhat was post-poned.

21 **Badal, Prakash Singh.** Operated upon for the fractured leg.

Bindra, Abhinav. Creates a new record in the 31st National Games.

Gandhi, Maneka. Shifted from Culture portfolio.

Garcha, Jagdish Singh. Criticised for using harsh words against UGC.

Kairon, Surinder Singh. Caught in controversy related to land grabbing.

Kapil Dev. To reveal everything in his forthcoming autobiographical film : Kapil Dev, the true story.

Pooja Devi. Won opening bout in National Games at Patiala.

Samresh Jung. Created a new record in free pistol event.

Scindia, Jyotiraditya. May join Congress.

22 **Hardeep Kaur.** Creates history in the National Games.

Patel, Kripashankar. Included in Indian team for the 35th World Wrestling Championship.

Rameshwari Devi. Created new record in the 3000 individual pursuit event at National Games in Ludhiana.

Suresh Singh. Won easily in boxing.

27 **Gujaral, Gurdeep S.** Given Asian of the Year Award 2001 in London.

Mascarenhas, Michael. Acquitted and re-instated as MD of Air India.

Sharma, Vishnu Dutt. Died at AIIMS, New Delhi.

28 **Badungar, Kirpal Singh.** Becomes the 32nd President of SGPC.

Chaturvedi, V.K. Elected Chairman of Centre of World Association of Nuclear Operators.

Gurpreet Singh. Wins Mercedes Benz.

Soota, Ashok. Elected Vice-President of CII.

Tendulkar, Sachin. ICC exonerated him of ball-tempering charges.

29 **Bahadur, Mufakhkham Jah (Prince).** Appointed Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia.

Balasubramanyan, P.K.I. (Justice). To take over as Chief Justice of Orissa High Court.

Jhanji, V.K. (Justice). Elevated as a Senior Judge of J & K High Court.

Khan, Amjad Ali. To be conferred Deshikotamma by Visva Bharati.

Rao, C.R. To be conferred Deshikottama by Visva Bharati.

Saini, Simarjeet Singh. Developed a super chip technology.

30 **Hans, Hans Raj.** Honoured.

Zakaria, Arshad. Appointed Co-President of Merrill Lynch.

December

03 **Choudhary, Virendra.** Wins fourth All-India Karate Championship, in the Katha category.

Harbhajan Singh. Cast a spell on England batsmen.

Harbhajan Singh. Exhibits spectacular performance.

Heptullah, Najma (Dr.) Objects to the use of word 'Mohammedan'.

Jhanji, V.K. Sworn in as Senior Judge of J&K High Court.

Sehwag, Virender. Included in 14-member Indian squad by BCCI for the first Test against England.

Singh, J.W. To face trial.

04 **Goyal, Tej Singh.** Awarded.

Gupta, Ram Gopal. Passed away.

Jayalalitha, J. Acquitted by Madras HC.

Purohit, Sanjay. Booked by Rajasthan Anti-corruption Bureau.

Sangliana, H.T. Played Santa for children's enjoyment and education.

05 **Dharam Singh.** Passed away.

Phool, Vijay Kumar. Killed by militants in Poonch district.

06 **Chandrasekharan, Rajiv.** Asked to leave Pakistan.

Gopalan, Susheela. Passed away.

10 **Ashok Kumar.** Passed away.

11 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Adjudged the Indian Cricketer of the Year.

12 **Dicksheet, Sharad Kumar (Dr.)** Awarded Kellogg's Hannah Neil World of Children prize.

13 **Mohammad Afzal.** Link-man between Ghazi Baba and terrorists who attacked Indian Parliament.

Yadav, Santosh. Killed three of the five terrorists inside the Parliament House campus.

14 **Purwar, A.R.** Case registered by CBI.

15 **Chawla, Deepak.** Provided vital clues to the Police in connection with terrorist attack on Parliament.

Dangi, Anand Singh. Released on bail.

Geelani, Abdul Rehman (Syed). Arrested in connection with the attack on Parliament.

Jaitley, Arun. Conferred the Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) by GNDU.

Kasturirangan, K. (Dr.) Awarded D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) by GNDU.

Khan, Amjad Ali. Awarded Deshikottama of Visva Bharati University.

Rao, C.R. Conferred Deshikottama of Visva Bharati University.

17 **Geelani, Abdul Rehman.** Arrested in connection with December 13 Parliament attack.

Scindia, Jyotiraditya. Joined Indian National Congress.

Sharma, Shanker. Arrested for FERA and FEMA violations.

18 **Abdul Latheef.** Passed away.

19 **Kapoor, Raj.** Honoured through the release of postal stamp.

Marvah, Surendra Mohan. Died.

Tripathi, Amarmani. Arrested for harbouring kidnappers.

20 **Chatterjee, Tarun.** Parted ways with BJP.

Gupta, Ramesh. Working for twinning Amritsar and Dallas.

Kumble, Anil. Joins 300 club.

Rana, K.S. Arrested at Shimla for irregularities in the purchase of medicines.
Yadav, Laloo Prasad. Remanded in 14-day judicial custody.

21 **Afzal, Mohammed.** Arrested in connection with attack on Parliament.
Badal, Parkash Singh. Criticized for using foul language.
Chhibber, B.K.N. (Lt. Gen. Retd.). Joins Indian National Congress.
Garcha, Jagdish Singh. AIFUCTO criticised his remarks against UGC.
Marvah, Surendra Mohan. Passed away.
Sharma, Shiv Datt. Presented Baburao Mhatra Gold Medal.

28 **Padmanabhan, S.** Took over as Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee.
Singh, Kaval Khushwant. Died.

29 **Devender Singh.** Bagged first prize.
Malakar, T.R. Appointed D-G of All India Radio.
Quraishi, S.Y. Appointed D-G of Doordarshan.

30 **O Bem Bem.** Adjudged as Player of the Year by AIFF.
Puri, S.S. Passed away.

31 **Aamir Khan.** His film '*Lagaan*' is a great success.
Akshay Kumar. Set to marry Twinkle Khanna.
Alva, Jeevraj. Passed away.
Ancheri, Joe Paul. Adjudged as the 'player of the year' by AIFF.
Bhatia Vineet. First Indian to be awarded a Michelin Star.
Deol Sunny. *Gadar-Ek Prem Katha* bags two national awards.
Dhawan, Prem. Died
Hussain, Shaukat. Arrested in connection with attack on Parliament.
Jadeja, Ajay. Agrees to marry, and takes to acting.
Lal, B.M. (Justice). Passed away.
Mathur, M.K. (Dr.) Leads a 20-member team to Kabul.
Mehta, Harshad. Died at Thane Civil Hospital following heart attack.
Mitra, Subroto. Died
Naipaul, V.S. Won Nobel Prize.
Piramal, M.L. Died.
Rastogi, Virender. Passport revoked.
Roy, Pankaj. Passed Away.

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ELECTED

January

06 **Bawa, R.S. (Dr.)** President of Indian Economic Association.

16 **Nohria, K.K.** Alternate President of ASSOCHAM.

February

16 **Mody, Raghu.** President of ASSOCHEM.

April

09 **Singh, Rajnath.** Declared elected from Haidergarh.

18 **Chautala, Ajay.** President, Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation.

19 **Bhartia, Hari S.** Chairman, CII(NR).
Khattar, Jagdish. Deputy Chairman, CII(NR).
Malik, M.S. President, Wrestling Federation of India.

27 **Goenka, Sanjiv.** President, CII.

May

04 **Bains, Didar Singh.** Controversial election as WSC President.

12 **Mathew, Mammen.** President, Editors' Guild of India.

14 **Bhagwati, P.N. (Justice).** Chairman, UNHRC.

15 **Antony, A.K.** Leader, Congress Legislature Party in Kerala.
Chandiram, Jai (Ms.). President of IAWRT.
Gowri, K.R. Member of Kerala Assembly in 2001.

17 **Gagoi, Tarun.** Leader of CLP in Assam.

24 **Randhawa, G.S. (Prof.).** National President of WUS.

June

11 **Sobti, R.C. (Dr.)** President of the Punjab Academy of Sciences.

30 **Sanyal, B.C.** Hony. Fellow of Russian Academy.

July

07 **Krishnakant, Suman.** President of Mahila Dakshata Samiti.

16 **Randhir Singh.** Member of International Olympic Committee.

August

02 **Kalmadi, Suresh.** Member of the Council of IAAF.

05 **Manohar, Shashank.** President of Vidarbha Cricket Association.

September

29 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** President of BCCI.

October

13 **Turner, Sukhi Gill.** Mayor of Dunedin, Southern New Zealand.

14 **Yadav, Laloo Prasad.** Re-elected unopposed as RJD President.

November

06 **Kakodkar, Shashikala.** President of MGP.

17 **Gill, M.S. (Dr.).** Hony. Fellow of Queen's College of Cambridge.

28 **Badungar, Kirpal Singh.** SGPC President.
Chaturvedi, V.K. Chairman, Centre of World Assoc. of Nuclear Operators.
Soota, Ashok. Vice-President of CII.

SWORN IN

January

04 **Mehta, Ashok.** Sheriff of Mumbai.

February

08 **Mitra, Suchitra.** Sheriff of Kolkata.

15 **Koijam, Radhabinod.** CM of Manipur.

March

31 **Jagdeva, Bharrat.** Sworn as the President of Guyana.

May

15 **Jayalalitha, J.** CM of Tamil Nadu.

29 **Mongia, R.S. (Justice)** To be CJ of Guwahati High Court.

June

06 **Mongia, R.S.** Sworn in as Chief Justice of Guwahti H.C.

27 **Kohli, Amolok Rattan.** Governor of Meghalaya.

July

22 **Ajit Singh.** Union Agriculture Minister.

October

27 **Rangaswamy,** N. Chief Minister of Pondicherry.

30 **Koshiyari, Bhagat Singh.** Chief Minister of Uttaranchal.

November

01 **Bharucha, S.P. (Justice).** CJ of India.

29 **Balasubramanyan, P.K.I. (Justice).** CJ of Orissa High Court.

December

03 **Jhangi, V.K. (Justice).** Senior Judge of J & K High Court.

APPOINTED

January

01 **Siddiqui, Islam.** Under Secretary at USDA.
Vishnu Bhagwan. Chairman of Bureau of Public Enterprises.

02 **Bains, S.S. (Dr.).** Director (Agric.) Punjab.

07 **Minj,** S. Vice-Chancellor of R.S. University, Raipur.

February

09 **Ahmed, Sageer (Justice).** Chairman of Rajasthan HR Commission.

17 **Venkat Subramanian, T.C.** MD of Exim Bank.

March

13 **Iyer, Chokila (Ms.).** Foreign Secretary of India.

19 **Bhagwati, P.N. (Justice)** Chairman of the (UNHRC).

23 **Verghese, B.G.** Information Consultant to Defence Minister.

April

01 **Aulakh, Kirpal Singh (Dr.)** Vice-Chancellor of PAU, Ludhiana.
Khanna, Arjun Singh. Dy. Chief of Army Staff (Planning & System).

04 **Bhattacharjee, Bisweswar.** Director BARC, Trombay.

08 **Krishnamurthy, Jana.** President of BJP.

13 **Harish Kumar.** Director NCRB, New Delhi.

May

11 **Jain, Dipak C.** Mktg. Professor at J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Mgmt.

13 **Ahluwalia, Montek Singh.** IMF's EVO Director.

14 **Sharma, P.C.** Acting Director of CBI.
Singh, N.K. Member of Planning Commission.

15 **Gupta, S.C.** Chairman of the Indian Overseas Bank.
Raghunath, K. Ambassador to Russia.

16 **Jain, Naresh Kumar.** Emissary of K.C. Pant.

June

10 **Sukhwinder Singh.** Retained as the Chief Coach of Indian Football team.

16 **Paroda, R.S. (Dr.).** Head of Agricultural Development for Central Asia and the Cancasus.

19 **Chautala, Abhay.** Chairman of Devi Lal Trust.

27 **Sodhi, N.K. (Justice)** Chairman of Punjab Advisory Board.

28 **Prasad, T.R.** Secretary, on Extension for two years.

July

06 **Mishra, D.C.** MD of RITES Ltd.

16 **Damodaran, Melovithi.** Chairman of UTI.

20 **Chaudhary, Sanjeev.** Advisor to Canadian Foreign Minister.

23 **Singh, S.P. (Dr.)** Vice-Chancellor of GND University, Amritsar.

28 **Gupta, Harish.** Chief Secretary of H.P.

August

01 **Duggal, S.K.** Chairman, BBMB.

02 **Ghavri, Karsan.** Coach of Bengal Cricket team.

04 **Karnik, Kiran.** Chief of NASSCOM.

19 **Agnihotri, B.K.** India's ambassodar at large in USA.

20 **Rajagopalan, R.** D-G of National Security Guard.

October

17 **Rakesh Nath.** Chairman of BBMB.

23 **Bhalla, K.S. (Justice)** Judicial Commission to probe sacrilege.

29 **Madhvendra Singh.** Named as new Chief of Naval Staff.

30 **Joshi, Sanjay.** Gen. Secy. of BJP.
Krishnaswamy S. (Air Marshal). Set to take over as Chief of Air Staff.
Nambiar, Sukumar. Treasure of BJP.
Pradhan, Devendra (Dr.) Vice-President of BJP.
Vasava, Mansukhbhai. Secretary of BJP.

31 **Kher, Anupam.** Chairman of NSD Society.

November

01 **Lambah, S.K.** Special Envoy in Ahghanistan.

05 **Ajit Kumar.** Planning Commission Secretary.
Rao, C.S. Secretary Dept. of Expenditures.
Vasudev, C.M. Expenditure Secretary.

11 **Chidambaram, R. (Dr.)** Principal Scientific Advisor to GOI.

16 **Gill, Surinder Singh.** India's Ambassador to Mexico.

27 **Zakaria Arshad.** Co-President of Merrill Lynch.
Bahadur, M.J. (Prince) Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia.

29 **Jhanji, V.K. (Justice)** Elevated as a Senior Judge of J & K High Court.

December

28 **Padmanabhan, S. (Gen.)** COSC Chairman.

29 **Malakar, T.R.** D-G of All India Radio.
Quraishi, S.Y. (Dr.) D-G of Doordarshan.

JOINED. TOOK CHARGE

January

30 **Arora, N.K.** Took over as the Chief Secretary of Punjab.

February

08 **Mitra, Suchitra.** Took over Sheriff of Kolkata.

April

04 **Madhvendra Singh.** Took over as Vice-Chief of Naval Staff.

12 **Sushil Kumar (Admiral)** Took over Chief of Defence Staff Committee.

13 **Harish Kumar.** Joined as Director NCRB.

May

01 **Gupta, S.C.** Takes over as Chairman and Managing Director of Indian Overseas Bank.
Venkat Subramanian, T.C. Took charge Exim Bank M.D.

04 **Rattan, G.P.** Joins Congress again.

July

06 **Kumaraswami, M.** Took over as CGDA.

16 **Sikdar, Tapan.** Joined the Mukta Bihanga.

27 **Kant, Amitabh.** Joined Union Tourism Ministry as Jt. Secretary.

31 **Lohani, Ashwani.** Took over as Chairman of ITDC.
Srivastava, O.P. Took over as Chairman of CBDT.

August

02 **Krishnaswamy, S. (Air Marshal)** Took over as Vice-Chief of Air Staff.

October

18 **Sharma, S.D. (Dr.)** Took over as VC of HP University, Shimla.

26 **Dwivedi, Devendra.** Joined Congress Party again.

28 **Bains, C.L.** To take over as Punjab Election Commissioner.

29 **Madhvendra Singh, Vice Admiral.** Took over Vice-Chief of Naval Staff. Named as new Chief of Naval Staff.

November

01 **Boppana, B.K. (Lt. Gen.).** Joined at D-G NCC.

20 **Amir Alam.** Leaves RLD (S) and join Samajwadi Party.
Natarajan, R. (Prof.). Took over as Chairman of AICTE.

22 **Patel, Kripashankar.** Included in Indian team for the 35th World Wrestling Championship.

December

03 **Sehwag, Virender.** Included in 14-member Indian squad by BCCI for first Test against England.

17 **Scindia, Jyotiraditya Vikramrao.** Joined Congress Party.

21 **Chibber, B.K.N. (Lt. Gen. Retd.)** Joined Congress Party.

RESIGNED, REMOVED

January

05 **Laxman, Bangaru.** Resigned as BJP President.

Feburary

08 **Raghvan, R.K.** Appointment as CBI Director quashed by CAT.

28 **John, T.** Removed from the Ministership of Karnataka.

April

15 **Chidambaram, P.** Expelled from TMC.

May

04 **Mehta, Chhabildas.** Resigned from Congress Party.

15 **Mahanta, P.K.** Resigned as CM of Assam after defeat in elections.

June

16 **Kuldip Singh (Justice).** Resigned as President of WSC.

25 **Surinder Singh (Brig.)** Army Service by GCM.

July

01 **Fatima Beevi (Justice).** Resigned as Governor of Tamil Nadu.

24 **Khatod, Anil.** Resigned from Nortel.

25 **Sondhi, M.L. (Prof.)** Removed from the Chairmanship of ICSSR.

August

07 **Khan, Amir Alam.** Resigned from Rashtriya Lok Dal.

10 **Agarwal, Naresh.** Removed from Power Ministership of UP.

15 **Dang, Satya Pal.** Resigned from Amritsar Dist. Legal Authority.

18 **Jagtar Singh.** Transferred on HC directive.

September

21 **Jayalalitha, J.** Quits the post of CM of Tamil Nadu.

October

16 **Bhatnagar, Manish (Maj.)** Removed from Army Service by GCM.

November

11 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J. (Dr.).** Resigned as Principal Scientific Advisor to GOI to join IIS as Professor Emeritus.

12 **Samresh Singh.** Resigned from Marandi Cabinet.

HONOURED, AWARDED

January

01 **Brah, Avtar.** Conferred MBE.
Lourie, Manikam Susheela. Conferred MBE.
Mistry, Dhruv. Conferred CBE.
Pathak, Premlata. Conferred MBE.
Ruia, Anil Kumar. Conferred MBE.
Soor, Balwant Kaur. Conferred MBE.

03 **Bedi, Harinder Singh (Dr.).** Gets Surgeon of the Millennium Award.

05 **Virdi, Inderjit Singh.** Felicitated by Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Mgmt.

06 **Hazarika, Bhupen.** Gets Lata Mangeshkar Award for 2000-2001.

13 **Inderjit (Dr.)** Gets Outstanding Young Weed Scientists Award.

20 **Roshan, Hrithik.** Gets Best Actor Award.

25 **Mangeshkar, Lata.** Gets Bharat Ratna.

27 **Gurdial Singh.** Gets Jnanpith Award of 1999.

28 **Patnaik, Pathani (Prof.)** Awarded Sahitya Bharati Samman.

30 **Bhumitra, Arun.** Nominated Trustee of Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation.
Ganguli, Saurav. Honoured.

February

02 **Roshan, Hrithik.** Got Best Actor Award.

09 **Menon, Vivek.** Won Rufford Award.

13 **Sasthampadickal, Joy.** Got NV Pyli Prize.

17 **Kapoor, Karishma.** Got Film Fare Award of Best Actress.
Malleswari, Karnam. Named South Asian of the Year.

March

21 **Bhagwandas, P.K.** Nominated for Environmental Hall of Fame 1000.

22 **Bajaj, Rahul.** Got Padma Bhushan Award.
Mukherjee, Hrishikesh. Awarded Padma Bhushan.
Sharma, Shivkumar. Awarded Padma Bhushan.
Tejpal, Tarun. Given Rs. One lakh award by J.S. Waraich.

23 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** Decorated with Padma Bhushan.
Gandhi, Maneka. Conferred Aadi Shakti Puruskar 2001.

24 **Rath, Ramakanta.** Presented FIE Rashtra Bushan Award, 2000.

26 **Kapoor, Anil.** Gets 'Best Actor' Award for *Pukaar*.

April

04 **Mehta, Zubin.** Honoured with the title The Knight of the Legion of Honor in Paris.

13 **Laskar, Halim Ali.** Awarded a prize of Rs. 10,000.

14 **Gandhi, Maneka.** Conferred Women of the Year Award 2001.

15 **Mishra, Deepak.** Gets Bisuv Award.

16 **Habib Tanvir.** Got Chaman Lal Memorial Life Time Achievement Award.
Vittal, N. Honoured with the Paramacharya Award.

17 **Thapar, Romila (Prof.)** Conferred the degree of Honoris Causa by the French National Institute of the Civilisation and Languages of the Orient.

22 **Mishra, R.P. (Dr.)** Given Bhoogol Ratna Award.
Shafi, Mohammad (Prof.) Given Bhoogol Ratna Award.

24 **Mehta, Zubin.** Awarded the Knight of the Legion of Honor.

30 **Rao, Ramoji.** Given Yudhavir Foundation Award.

May

23 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Awarded Maharashtra Bhushan Award.

27 **Krishna Iyer, V.R.** Gets Dr. C.K. Kareem Foundation Award.
Madhu, Madan Lal. Decorated with the 'Order of Friendship'.
Ravi Shankar (Pt.) Gets KCBE.

June

05 **Bindra, Abhinav.** Given Arjuna Award.

10 **Dahiya, Sri Bhagwan (Dr.)** Given Visiting Professorship of Paris University.

19 **Rehman, Waheeda.** Awarded Life Time Achievement (Oscars of India).

23 **Bismillah Khan (Ustad)** Awarded Bharat Ratna.

July

21 **Ganguly, Saurav.** Honoured with crown.
Gora, Saraswati. Given G.D. Birla International Award.

23 **Majumdar, Indranil.** Given Texas Instruments Analog Design Challenge 2001 Award.

29 **Goswami, Indira.** Won Jnanpith Award.

30 **Rajendra Singh.** Won Ramon Magsaysay Award.

August

02 **Arif, S.M.** Given Daronacharya Award (Badminton).
Bhanghu, Gurdial Singh. Given Daronacharya Award.
Sharma, M.N. Won Baburao Mhatre Gold Medal.

13 **Murthy, Sudha.** Given Corporate Citizen of the Year.

20 **Vatsyayan, Kapila.** Presented Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award.

September

07 **Bhanumati Devi.** Won Guru Kelucharan Mohapatara Award.

09 **Soni, Dayalchandra.** Honoured with Tagore Literary Award.

10 **Nair, Mira.** Won Golden Lion Award.
Pataudi, Mansur Ali Khan. Gets C.K. Nayudi Award 2001.

October

19 **Bhonsle, Asha.** Won Dada Saheb Phalke Award.

27 **Bhonsle, Asha.** Received Dayawati Modi Award.
Gujral, Gurdip Singh. Awarded.

November

14 **Goel, Lalit.** Gets Best Drugs Inspectors' Award.
Jindal, S.K. (Dr.) Honoured with International Awards.

16 **Kannaiyan, S. (Dr.)** Won Dr. GBM Memorial Award.

17 **Hans, Hans Raj.** Got the title of Rajgayak; Aadharshila Award.

19 **Akhtar Javed.** Given Maulana Azad Award.
Azmi, Shabana. Won National Integration Award, 2001.
Paul, Swaraj (Lord). Conferred Doctorate by Moscow University.
Sharma, Radheshyam. Got Haryana Sahitya Akademi.

20 **Dwivedi, Kavita.** Given Nitya Praveena IR Memorial Award.
Mahalik, Geeta. Won Guru Devaprasad Award.
Savita Devi. Won Sangeet Sudhakar Bal Krishnada Memorial Award.

27 **Gujaral, Gurdip S.** Given Asian of the Year Award 2001 in London.

30 **Hans, Hans Raj.** Honoured with the *Punjabi Gayak da Taaj*.

December

04 **Goyal, Tej Singh.** Gets National Innovation Foundation Award.

11 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Declared Indian Cricketer of the Year.

12 **Dicksheet, Sharad Kumar (Dr.)** Won Kellogg's Prize.

15 **Jaitley, Arun.** Awarded Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) by GNDU.
Kasturirangan, K. (Dr.) Awarded D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) by GNDU.
Khan, Amjad Ali. Conferred Deshikotamma of Visva Bharati.
Rao, C.R. Conferred Deshikottama by Visva Bharati.

19 **Kapoor, Raj.** Stamp released in his honour.

21 **Sharma, Shiv Datt.** Honoured with Baburao Mhatre Gold Medal.

31 **Bhatia, Vineet.** Gets Michelin Star.
Naipaul, Vidiadhar Surajprasad. Won Nobel Prize.

WON

Januray

01 **Mirza, Diya.** Crowned as Miss Asia Pacific in Manila.

27 **Jetley, Celina.** Crowned as Femina Miss India.

February

17 **Roshan, Hrithik.** Won the Best Actor Award and Best Newcomer Award.

March

11 **Gopichand, Pullela.** Won All England Open Badminton Championship.

18 **Gupta, Abhinn Shyam.** Won French Open Championship.

May

12 **Sarswat, Ishani.** Crowned as ADC May Queen 2001 in Shimla.

July

22 **Kanjilal, Debashis.** Won $400,000 Settlement.

October

15 **Bhupati, Mahesh.** Won crucial tennis match.

27 **Thackeray, Uddhav.** Son scores over nephew in Sena succession war.

November

16 **Balaram, S.** Won the Helen Keller Award 2001.

21 **Pooja, Devi.** Won boxing bout at Patiala.

22 **Hardeep Kaur.** Created history in hammer throw.
Suresh Singh. Won easily in boxing.

28 **Gurpreet Singh.** Won Mercedes car in a Raymond Scheme.

ACHIEVED, CREATED RECORDS

January

01 **Vajpayee, A.B.** Voted as the Man of the Year.

08 **Roychowdhury, Biswaroop.** Has computer memory.

09 **Laskar, Halim Ali.** Saved hundred of lives.

18 **Damle, Prashant.** Sets record in continuous performance.

22 **Bindra, Abhinav.** Sets a new world record and bags gold medal.

28 **Roychowdhury, Biswaroop.** Has computer memory.

31 **Sharma, Jai Gopal (Dr.)** Appointed Visiting Scientist by the Third World Academy of Sciences.

Feburary

10 **Amritraj, Vijay.** Becomes Messanger of Peace for the UN.
Chaudhary, Satveer. Sets eyes on White House.

11 **Doman, Herb.** His success story in Canada.

17 **Khosla, Vinod.** Topped the Midas list of investors.

March

11 **Harbhajan Singh.** Hat trick in Kolkata Test match.

14 **Laxman, V.V.S.** Made unbeaten 275 runs against Australia.

22 **Vilku, Kanwal (Dr.)** Visits Antartica as a member of 22-member team.

31 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Crossed 10,000-run mark.

April

04 **Doug, Roshan.** Aims to be the top UK poet.

14 **Chatterjee, Jagrat.** Trying for entry into Guinness Book of Records.

27 **Shyamlan, M. Night.** Gives another supernatural thriller.

May

04 **Wattal, Jawahar.** From jingle composer to star-maker.

10 **Panja, Ajit Kumar.** Survival strategy was a success.
Sharma, B.P. Oldest journalist of J&K.

14 **Nair, Murali.** His film selected for Cannes Film Festival.

15 **Gursharan Singh.** Nominated as an umpire for World Badminton Championship.

17 **Sarswat, Ishani.** Crowned as ADC May Queen in Shimla.

22 **Kishan Gopal.** Received Ph.D. on Punjabi shorthand.

26 **Karthikeyan, Narain.** Test drives the Formula One.

27 **Bindra, Abhinav.** Felicitation by the PM.

30 **Dravid, Rahul.** Reappraises his performance.
Gopichand, Pullela. Helps India blank Austria 5-0.

31 **Khaira, Manpreet.** Raised $35m in funding.

June

10 **Bains, Vikrant.** Topped Management Entrance Test of PTU.

11 **Bindra, Abhinav.** Set a new record shooting in Munich.
Narayana Murthy, N.R. Ranked 27th in Asia.

25 **Karamjit Kaur.** Sets new national record in pole-vault.

31 **Chowdhury, Bula.** Comes third in marathon swimming.

August

03 **Sehwag, Virender.** Made a century off 68 balls in Colombo Test.

07 **Meenaghe, Vijay Saraf.** His painting is purchased by Farooq Abdullah.

13 **Govil, I.M. (Prof.)** Got a project worth Rs. 51 lakh from DST.

14 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Included in Bradman's dream team.

15 **Harikrishna, Pentyala.** Becomes India's youngest Grand Master.

September

05 **Anuradha Devi, N.R.** Producer of highest number of films.

October

Verma, Neelam. Crowned as Miss India-Canada 2001.

November

04 **Harika, Dronavalli.** Won medal in World Youth Chess Festival.

18 **Martin, Gerry.** Becomes National Geographic Adventurer.

19 **Chandok, Karun.** Grabs third spot at the Macau Grand Prix.
Jagjit Singh. Tries new tunes.
Kanwal, Rasheal. Conquers 17300 feet high Sheti Dhar.

21 **Bindra, Abhinav.** Creates a new record in the 31st National Games.

22 **Rameshwari Devi.** Created new record in 3000 m.
Samresh Jung. Created new record in free pistol event.

29 **Saini, Simarjeet Singh.** Developed a super chip technology.

December

03 **Choudhary, Virendra.** Winner in Karate Championship.
Harbhajan Singh. Cast a spell on England batsmen.

13 **Yadav, Santosh.** Killed three terrorists in Parliament premises.

16 **Turner, Sukhi Gill.** Elected Mayor of Dunedin, Southern New Zealand.

20 **Kumble, Anil.** Took 300th wicket.

29 **Devender Singh.** Given recognition.

30 **O Bem Bem.** AIFF adjudged him the Player of the Year.

31 **Ancheri, Joe Paul.** Adjudged Footballer of the Year.
Deol, Sunny. Film *Gadar* brings out his histrionics.

ALLEGED, CHARGED, INVOLVED IN CONTROVERSIES

January

01 **Soren, Shibu.** Delhi High Court said : At this stage, we will not like to interfere with the investigation of CBI.

05 **Mishra, Brajesh.** Attacked by J.K. Jain: *Brajesh Mishra Ka Pardah Fash*.
Patkar, Medha (Ms.). Faced a contempt petition.

06 **Mishra, Brajesh.** Faced allegations from Dr. J.K. Jain.

08 **Gurm, H.S. (Dr.)** Faced Inquiry.

22 **Saggi, Neera.** Involved in controversy over letter to CLP of W.B.

30 **Azharuddin, Mohd.** Challenges life ban imposed by BCCI in a court.

Feburary

02 **Singh, J.W.** Bombay H.C. rejected bail application.

08 **Deshpande Nirmala.** Denied Bomb theory of Babari Masjid demolition attributed to her.

16 **Stalin, M.K.** Probe against him ordered for alleged amassing wealth.

17 **Jayalalitha, J.** Supreme Court's nod to Jaya's trial.
Pillai, Rajan. Probe into his death controversy started.
Soren, Shibu. SC upholds order of Delhi High Court. No quashing of FIR lodged by CBI against him.

March

20 **George, Vincent.** CBI registered case against him for amassing wealth.
Tejpal, Tarun. Deposed before Army Court.

27 **Tondon, Raveena.** Her selection as Best Actress became controversial.

31 **Choksi, Arvind.** Complained against Classic Coop. Bank.
Tejpal, Tarun. Created Tehlaka-spy cam controversy.

April

01 **Shahabuddin, Mohd.** Controversy of his criminal and unlawful activities.

13 **Zaffarwal, Wassan Singh.** As Kharkoo.

15 **Bains, Didar Singh.** Assumed disputed Presidentship of WSC.
Jamuna Devi. Served with legal notice for criticising Medha Patekar.

May

03 **Singla, Sant Ram.** Criticised Tarlochan Singh on Sikh PM group.

08 **Mohal Lal.** Served with a show-cause by VC, Punjabi University, Patiala.

17 **Khan, Salman.** Summoned by ED.

23 **Mascarenhas, Michael.** Suspended.

29 **Chohan, Jagjit Singh (Dr.).** Involved in Khalistan controversy. GOI directed by HC to issue him travel papers.

30 **Ahluwalia, Jasbir Singh.** Critisized in a Tribune editorial.
Mohan Lal (Master). Involved in Ph.D. controversy.

31 **Gulati, Sunil.** Accused of misappropriating public funds.
Devyani. Believed as the cause of Dipendra's act of killing his family.
Sondhi, M.L. PM's intervention to save ICSSR.

June

10 **Devyani.** Faced media glare over Nepal's Royal family tragedy.
Zaffarwal, Wassan Singh. Swears by democracy.

11 **Sehgal, Anil.** Tehelka panel rejected plea for protection under Article 20(3) of the Constitution.

17 **Prabhakar, Manoj.** Said to be on the run from the law.
Shahin, Sultan. Pakistani guest blamed him to be a RAW's agent.

23 **Hans, Hans Raj.** Criticised by Suraiya Khanam.

25 **Vedanti, Joginder Singh.** Attending Path Bodh Samagam controversy.

July

07 **Soch, Harbhajan Singh (Dr.)** Faces allegations of forgery against him.

20 **Ahluwalia, Jasbir Singh.** Punjab & Haryana HC sought his personal appearance for not implementing its orders.

26 **Chandra Shekhar.** Criticised for sitting over public property.

29 **Agarwal, Manak.** Charged for operating against Prajapat.
Prajapat, Inder. Charged for shooting at Manak Agarwal in Bhopal.

30 **Nirupam, Sanjay.** Involved in the allegations against PMO on UTI.

August

01 **Gurm, H.S. (Dr.)** Facing allegations of sexual harassment and other cases.

02 **Gupta, S.K. (Dr.)** HPUTA complained against his conduct.
Milkha Singh. Involved in Arjuna Award refusal controversy.

07 **Chohan, Jagjit Singh.** Arrest warrants issued against him.
Liberhan, Manmohan Singh (Justice). Faced allegations.

08 **Pendse, Dilip.** FIR filed against him by Tatas.
Tulsi, Tathagat Avtar. No child prodigy as per DST.
Yadav, Akhilesh Singh. Denied being groomed as successor to his father, Mulayam Singh.

13 **Roy, Nirupa.** Involved in dowry case controversy.

17 **Roy, Arundhati.** Dared Supreme Court on contempt notice.

18 **Sathiala, Manmohan Singh.** Involved in a criminal case.

19 **Bikramjit Singh.** CBI seeking permission for his prosecution.

20 **Tulsi, Tathagat Avtar.** Involved in 'no child prodigy' controversy.
Chahal, Rattan Singh. Accused in vehicle registration fraud.

21 **Mahanta, Prafulla Kumar.** Involved in second marriage controversy.
Puri, M.M. (Dr.) Involved in cases of wrong doing while VC of PU.

September

10 **Dasmunshi, Priyaranjan.** Involved in fake letter presentation controversy.

October

12 **Singhal, K.C. (Dr.)** Faces case of financial irregularities committed.

23 **Jogi, Ajit.** SC/ST Commission finds his ST claim false.

28 **Bukhari, Ahmed.** Called Shabana Azmi as *Nachne Gane Wali Tawaif.*

29 **Swami, Nityanand.** Faced controversy of wrong doings as CM of Uttaranchal. Replaced by Koshiyari.
Kashi Ram. Involved in Saini Samaj criticism controversy

30 **Puar, J.S. (Dr.)** Being convicted in corruption case.

November

01 **Varthan, S.** Case registered for allowing gambling.

02 **Kanshi Ram.** Deplored by Sainis.

03 **Dutt, Sanjay.** Implicated by CBI.

05 **Gujar, Jairamdas.** Arrested on charge of the murder of Sudhashamma.

06 **Amrinder Singh (Capt.)** Meets Sonia Gandhi to discipline Jagmeet Brar.
Varthan, S. Case registered against him under Gambling Act.

07 **Amar Singh.** Has been complained against by Balram S. Yadav.
Sachar, Rajinder. Said BJP spreading lies to seek support on POTO.

10 **Sondhi, M.L.** HRD minister asked to apologise for defamation.

19 **Arora, N.K.** Criticised for alleged association with a land-grabber.
Channi, Charanjit Singh. Alleged as criminal and land-grabber.

20 **Arora, N.K.** Denies playing god-father to the alleged land-grabber.

21 **Gandhi, Maneka.** Involved in the criticism of institutions under Sonia.
Garcha, Jagdish Singh. Criticised for using harsh words against UGC.
Kairon, Surinder Singh. Caught in controversy related to land-grabbing.

December

14 **Purwar, A.R.** Case registered by CBI.

21 **Badal, Parkash Singh.** Criticized for using foul language.
Garcha, Jagdish Singh. AIFUCTO criticised his remarks against UGC.

31 **Rastogi, Virender.** Passport revoked.
Jethmalani, Ram. Denied discussing Bofors.

ARRESTED. BAIL REJECTED

January

02 **Yadav, Ashok Kumar.** Arrested at Muzaffarnagar under Arms Act.

08 **Shah, Bharat.** Arrested by Mumbai police for aiding Chhota Shakeel's activities.

February

17 **Ahmed, Ateeq.** Arrested in a murder case.
Maran. Arrested by STF, being an accomplice of Veerappan.

March

30 **Parekh, Ketan.** Arrested by CBI for Rs. 137 crore scam.

April

01 **Verma, B.P.** Case registered under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

02 **Verma, B.P.** Arrested by CBI.

05 **Parekh, Ramesh.** Arrested for conniving with Ketan in bank fraud.

10 **Gaus, Iliyas.** Surrendered before court for communal violence charges.

11 **Zaffarwal, Wassan S.** Arrested at Amritsar for past terrorist activities.

May

15 **Dangi, Anand Singh.** Bail plea rejected.

22 **Mathew, Arun Eapen.** Arrested by Kerala police for cyber crime.

29 **Ranganathan, B.** Booked by Chennai police for running gambling den.

June

25 **Purwar, A.R.** Arrested by CBI for accepting bribe of Rs. 50,000.

27 **Madhan, V.K. (Major)** Convicted by CGM for melingering.

July

04 **Varadarajalu, M.** Arrested by French authorities.

22 **Subramanyam, P.S.** UTI Chief arrested and denied bail.

27 **Rana, Sher Singh.** Arrested at Dehra Dun for killing Phoolan Devi.
Sharma, Upinder. Awarded life imprisonment in a murder case.

28 **Kumar, J.S.** Remanded in CBI custody for spying.

August

02 **Khan, Fardeen.** Charge-sheeted by NCB.

03 **Bhullar, Daljit Singh.** Awarded life imprisonment.

08 **Dalal, Hitan.** Surrendered and arrested in Rs. 78 crore fraud case.

13 **Malik, Yasin.** Arrested and sent to jail for violating bail conditions.

14 **Tyagi, R.D.** Arrested for his role in Mumbai riots as a police officer.

15 **Sarwar, Shamim.** Apprehanded as a part of conspiracy to blow US Embassy in New Delhi..

17 **Parekh, Ketan.** Remanded in CBI custody till Aug. 24.
Shah, Bharat. Bail rejected by Bombay HC.

October

30 **Mallah, Ram Babu.** Surrendered.

November

05 **Yadav, Laloo Prasad.** Supreme Court directed him to surrender at Ranchi.

06 **Shah, Shabir.** Under house arrest at Srinagar.

09 **Mehta, Harshad.** Arrested for selling of 27 lakh shares fraudulently.

10 **Misra, Someshwar.** Arrested for accepting a bribe of Rs. 10 lakh.

20 **Ramesh Chandra.** Bail plea rejected in rape case.

December

03 **Singh, J.W.** To face trial.

04 **Purohit, Sanjay.** Booked by Anti-Corruption Bureau.

13 **Mohammad Afzal.** Link-man between Ghazi Baba and terrorists who attacked Indian Parliament.

17 **Geelani, Abdul Rehman.** Arrested in connection with Dec. 13 Parliament attack.
Sharma, Shankar. Arrested for FERA & FEMA violations.

19 **Tripathi, Amarmani.** Arrested for harbouring kidnappers.

20 **Rana, K.S.** Arrested at Shimla by Vigilance Dept.
Yadav, Laloo P. Remanded in 14 days judicial custody.

21 **Mohammad Afzal.** Arrested for being a link with Dec., 13 Parliament attack.

31 **Hussain, Shaukat.** Arrested in Srinagar for being a link in Dec. 13 Parliament attack.

BAILED OUT, EXONERATED

January

30 **Sukh Ram.** Exonerated from corruption charges in the 1.6 crores telecom equipment deal.

February

02 **Dutt, Sanjay.** Permitted to visit London in connection with film shooting.

March

23 **Dara Singh.** Acquitted in truck burning case.

June

10 **Saifee, Nadeem Akhtar.** Discharged.

21 **Chohan, Jagjit Singh.** Travel documents handed over.

July

07 **Stalin, M.K.** Granted bail.

August

18 **Malik, Yasin.** Got bail in TADA case.

October

27 **Abu Salem.** Escaped arrest in UAE as India couldn't prove identity in time.

November

20 **Talwandi, Jagdev Singh.** Badal's fall came to his rescue as action against him for criticising Jathedr of Akal Takht was postponed.

27 **Mascarenhas, Michael.** Acquitted and reinstated as MD of Air India.

28 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** ICC exonerated him of ball-tempering charges.

December

04 **Jayalalitha, J.** Acquitted by Madras HC.

15 **Dangi, Anand Singh.** Released on bail.

MARRIED

December [Reported on]

31 **Akshay Kumar.** Says yes for marriage with Twinkle Khanna.
Jadeja, Ajay. Getting married to Aditi daughter of Jaya Jaitley.

DIED

January

01 **Kulkarni, Pramod (Prof.)** in Nasik.

03 **Nayar, Sushila.** Died at Wardha.

06 **Kumar, H.P.**

11 **Laxmanan, G.**

16 **Prasada, Jitendra** in New Delhi.

15 **Haveri, Jayabai Sidlinga** in Kohlapur.

20 **Majitha, Prakash Singh** in Chandigarh.

21 **Sen, D** in New Delhi.

22 **Khayal, Rampuri** in Moradabad.

25 **Scindia, Vijayaraje** in New Delhi.

February

02 **Kurdikar, Mogubai.** Passed away.

09 **Kalwankar, Chandrasen** in Nasik.

10 **Sen, Jamuna** in Kolkata.

12 **Kurdikar, Mogubai** in Mumbai.

14 **Karmakar, Gita** in Kolkata.

16 **Pannu, Balbir Singh.** Killed in road accident near Bareilly.

17 **Bajpai, Ashok** in New Delhi.
Pannu, Balbir Singh in a road accident in U.P.

20 **Gupta, Indrajit** in Kolkata.

March

19 **Pande, Atmaram** at Buldhana.

21 **Gupta, Kalidas.** Passed away.
Vhatkar, Ashok (Dr.) at Aurangabad.

23 **Gupta, Kalidas** in New Delhi.

April

06 **Devi lal** in New Delhi on April 6.

07 **Ravinder Kumar** in New Delhi.

12 **Mehta, Dewang** in Sydney (Australia).

23 **Contractor, Behram** in Mumbai.

26 **Chaya Devi** in Kolkata.
Nahata, Amrit in New Delhi.

May

13 **Narayan, R.K.** in Chennai.

21 **Wadalia, M.S.**

26 **Gupta, Jagdish** in Allahabad.

27 **Adiyodi, K.G.** in New Delhi.

28 **Rama Linga Swami, V. (Prof.)** in New Delhi.

June

17 **Yunus, Mohammad** in New Delhi.

18 **Hanumantha Rao, Moturu** in Vijayawada.

July

16 **Mungeri Lal.**
Zaveri, Gopaldas Tribhuvandas.

20 **Deo, Sudhansu Narain Singh.**

21 **Ganesan, Sivaji** in Chennai.

25 **Damani, Madan Gopal.**
Phoolan Devi in New Delhi.

26 **Patankar, Dipali** in Indore (M.P.)

23 **Dasgupta, Saiku.**

August

07 **Shaily, Shailender.** CPM Leader committed suicide.

09 **Gill, R.S.**

17 **Sangeen, Bilal.** Was killed during a search operation by BSF.

20 **Rawel Singh.** Died in Chandigarh.

30 **Moopnar, G.K.** Died.

September

07 **Roy, B.C.**

08 **Dahya, S.S.**

30 **Scindia, Madhavrao** in District Mainpuri (U.P.)

October

13 **Nehru, B.K.**
Sharma, J.P. (Dr.).

24 **Chadha, Win** in New Delhi.

21 **Rajashekaran, Thampi, R.**

27 **Pradeep Kumar.**

31 **Waryam Singh, Sant.** Died at Chandigarh.

November

01 **Waryam Singh, Sant.**

06 **Bahuguna, Kamala** in New Delhi on November 6.

12 **Jauhari, B.P.**
Theogaraj, T.K.

13 **Bandyopadhyay, Karuna** in Kolkata on November 13.

16 **Mukherjee, M.S.**

27 **Sharma, Vishno Dutt.**

December

04 **Gupta, Ram Gopal.**

05 **Dharam Singh** in Chandigarh on December 5.
Phool, Vijay Kumar. Killed by militants in Poonch district.

09 **Gopalan, Susheela.**

10 **Ashok Kumar** in Mumbai on December 10.

18 **Abdul Latheef, M** in Chennai on May 10.

19 **Marvah, Surendra Mohan.**

28 **Singh, Kaval Khushwant.**

30 **Puri, S.S.**

31 **[Reported on]**
Alva, Jeevraj.
Dhawan, Prem.
Lal, B.M. (Justice).
Mehta, Harshad. Died at Thana Civil Hospital following heart attack.
Mitra, Subroto.
Piramal, M.L.
Roy, Pankaj.

MISCELLANEOUS

January

02 **Paswan, Ram Vilas.** Released commemorative stamps.

07 **Vajpayee, A.B.** Leaves for a visit to Vietnam and Indonesia.

11 **Joginder Singh.** His book 'The Best' released.

Feburary

08 **Subramanian, A.V.** Disqualification three TMC members as Speaker of Pondicherry.

Feburary

16 **Bhagwat, Vishnu (Admiral).** Criticised Defence Minister George Fernandes in his book.

Rekhi, Kanwal. Advises India that instead of empowering politicians and bureaucrat support entrepreneurs.

May

03 **Sinha, Yashwant.** Asserted growth rate of over 6% of India.

04 **Shah, Shabir.** Positive response to Centres' negotiator.

09 **Nehru, B.K.** Denied words attributed to him in Katherine Frank's book on Indira Gandhi.

11 **Singh, Laxmi N.** Got son after 10 daughters.

13 **Roy, Aruna.** Donated her Magsaysay award money, Rs. 23 lakh, to the Janhit Trust.

26 **Vajpayee, Atal Behari.** Invited the Chief Executive of Pakistan to India.

June

10 **Tej Pratap.** As VC advocated entrepreneurship for HPKVV students.

24 **Bhatt, Abdul Gani.** Praises PM Vajpayee.

25 **Bansi Lal.** Wanted CM to take up SYL issue with CM Badal.

27 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** A temple for him and to be worshipped.

28 **Gandhi, Sonia.** Asserted in NY that J & K is an integral part of India.

Vikas Singh. Pakistan puts this peace campaigners in jail after refusing visa to him.

July

28 **Amarinder Singh.** His book *A Ridge Too Far* released.

August

02 **Didar Singh.** Launched E-book on tales of signal men.

07 **Paul, Swaraj.** Said Britain was India's natural IT partner.
Sreedharan, E. Informed about quick access metros.

12 **Hazare, Anna.** Broke his maunvrat.

21 **Dara Singh.** On fast in jail.

September

09 **Balayogi, G.M.C.** Leads Parliamentary delegation.
Quadir, Ghulam. Discovered a cave temple near Chandanwari.

October

26 **Mishra, Brajesh.** Visiting Bangladesh on confidence-building mission.

29 **Deve Gowda, H.D.** Started padyatra.
Singh, Rajnath. Invited by Indian Muslim Federation, UK.

November

03 **Abdul Rashid, Mirza.** His views on the Muslims of J & K.
Lone, Abdul Gani. Escaped assassination bid.

10 **Bindra, Inderjit Singh.** Assumed office after entertainment duty on cricket tickets was withdrawn.
Bitta, Maninderjit Singh. Criticised those who opposed POTO.

11 **Sharma, Hari Dutt.** Exorted GOI to propagate Sanskrit worldwide.

12 **Brar, Jagmeet Singh.** Has no objection if Amrinder is made CM of Punjab.

14 **Fernandes, George.** Promised a Defence University in Punjab.
Mawlong, E.K. Deserted by Cabinet Ministerial colleagues.

17 **Verma, Sahib Singh.** Slammed Congress on POTO at Shimla.

18 **Nazareth, Samir.** Green peace warrior on bail and back to India from US.

19 **Mahesh, Inder Singh.** Set to take on Badal.
Milkha Singh. Had narrow escape while lighting the flame of 31st National Games in Ludhiana.
Veerappan. Wanted to surrender on certain conditions.

20 **Chohan, Jagjit Singh.** Advocates right of self determination for all states.
Kapil Dev. Ended exile. Shall train pacers of India.
Modi, Narendra. Displayed Diwali gifts to auction them.
Ravi, Inder Singh. Wanted voting machines gone.

21 **Badal, Prakash Singh.** Operated upon for the fractured leg.
Kapil Dev. To reveal everything in his forthcoming autobiographical film *Kapil Dev, the true story.*

December

03 **Heptullah, Najma (Dr.)** Objects to the use of word 'Mohammedan'.

04 **Sanglina, H.T.** Played Santa for children's enjoyment.

06 **Chandra Sekharan, Rajiv.** India born American journalist told to leave Pakistan.

15 **Chawla, Deepak.** Helps police in arresting two Pakistani conspirators of Dec. 13 Parliament attack.

20 **Chatterjee, Tarun.** Caused split in BJP.

Gupta, Ramesh. Undertook twinning task of Amritsar and Dallas.

31 **Aamir Khan.** Praised for his films *Lagaan* and *Dil Chahta Hai.*

Mathur, M.K. (Dr.) Led a team of doctors to kabul to fit artificial limbs.

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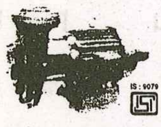

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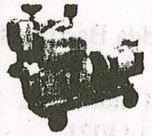

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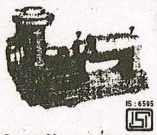

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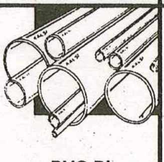

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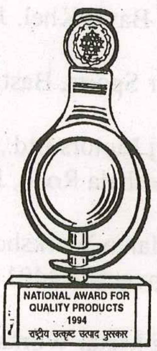
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